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Labour plans tough line on strikes

Blair ready to cut links with unions

By Jill Sherman and Philip Bassett

"She's just heard about Blair and the unions splitting up"

TONY BLAIR is drawing up contingency plans to break the party's historic link with trade unions entirely if they provoke a wave of strikes during the first summer of a Labour government.

Under the strategy, Mr Blair would ballot party members on whether they wanted to sever the traditional link with the unions — which founded the party in 1901. If the 400,000 members voted in favour, the move would have to be put to the annual conference, where unions have 50 per cent of the vote. But Mr Blair would be confident of success if he had a substantial party mandate.

If the move went ahead, unions would lose their voting rights at the party conference, their seats on Labour's ruling body, the national executive, and the national policy forum.

One of the main stumbling blocks could be finance, as unions provide more than half of the party's funds. Mr Blair may seek state funding for political parties to make up the shortfall, although this would be difficult to get through the Commons.

The scheme, which would in effect tear up the party's constitution, comes amid increasing industrial action. Post Office workers have already defied Mr Blair's call to reballot their members on strike action and intend to press ahead with two one-day strikes this month.

Yesterday the RMT, the rail union, announced that workers at five more regional rail companies would join their dispute, striking on September 20 and September 23.

Unions, angered by Mr Blair's threats of anti-strike legislation, yesterday backed calls for a much greater expansion of workers rights than Mr Blair would accept. Earlier this week they defied him by proposing a minimum wage of £4.26 an hour.

On finance, party sources argue that they may be able to attract substantial donations from individuals. In the past few weeks Labour has received £1m from Matthew Harding, vice-chairman of Chelsea Football Club, £1m from animal rights groups and £600,000 from Paul Hamlyn, the publisher. The unions' contribution as a percentage of income has fallen significantly in recent years.

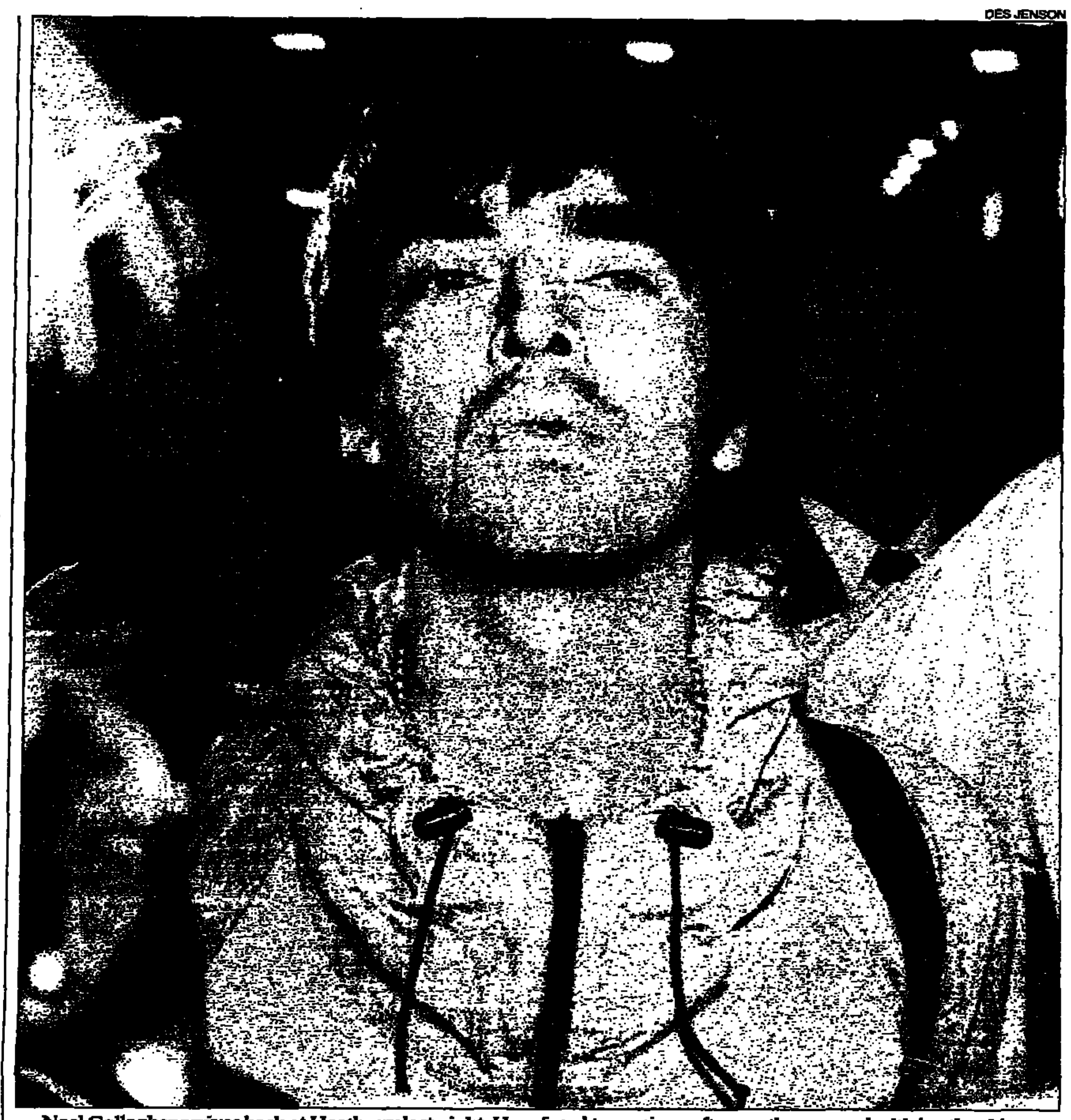
Mr Blair is becoming increasingly concerned about the prospect of a "summer of discontent" in the early months of a Labour government. Senior party sources claim they have been warned that health and education unions are preparing to oppose any deal which the pay review bodies and the Government recommend next January and will wait for Labour to improve the offer.

Pay for local authority manual workers is settled in the early summer, possibly within weeks of a Labour victory, and Mr Blair fears that these workers may also decide to take advantage of a more sympathetic administration. Gordon Brown, who would then be Chancellor, would refuse to agree to their demands.

The Labour leadership has decided to take a tough approach to pay review body recommendations. Sources have made clear that a Labour government would fund in full any awards it agreed to, but Mr Brown would not accept awards he could not afford.

A ballot on the union connection could take place within weeks of Mr Blair becoming Prime Minister, if unions decided to take industrial action, and be put to the party conference next autumn.

Union leaders will be furious that Mr Blair is contemplating such a step to undermine them. John Monks, the TUC general secretary who is an ally of Mr Blair's, publicly criticised the Labour leadership when he heard of the proposals to introduce new anti-strike legislation.



DES JENSON

Noel Gallagher arrives back at Heathrow last night. He refused to continue after another quarrel with brother Liam

Oasis tour silenced by brothers' row

By Carol Midgley and Quentin Letts

OASIS, the anarchic band tipped to become the biggest pop phenomenon since The Beatles, have abandoned their US tour amid speculation that they are about to split up.

Noel Gallagher, 28, the songwriter with the hugely successful British pop band, yesterday flew home to Britain following the latest row with his brother and lead singer, Liam, 23. The remaining members of the band were also preparing to fly back.

The strained relations between the brothers reached breaking point before a sound check for their show in Charlotte, North Carolina, on Wednesday.

Three hours before they were due to go on stage in front of 5,000 fans at the Charlotte Hornets Training Centre, Noel announced that he would not be playing. The band were also understood to be unhappy with some poor reviews from the American media. Unlike in Britain, not all their shows had been sell-outs and the tour has been generally regarded as a disappointment.

Jon Percival, event operations manager at the venue, said: "We received a statement saying: 'Due to unforeseen circumstances, the concert has been cancelled and will not be rescheduled'." The fans, who had paid £15 a ticket, were turned away.

The band's record company, Creation, refused to confirm or deny that Oasis were to split. Their spokesman John

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Saddam threatens Kuwait over use of air base

By Tom Rhodes and Michael Theodoulou

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein sought to draw the United States deeper into direct conflict last night, threatening Kuwait and claiming his forces had fired three more missiles at American aircraft patrolling the extended no-fly zone.

Increasingly bellicose rhetoric between Baghdad and Washington left few in doubt that further airstrikes would be ordered by President Clinton.

Another American carrier battle group, led by the *USS Enterprise*, was on standby in the Adriatic last night, as eight F117A Stealth fighters began their long trip to a base in Kuwait in preparation for a new round of retaliatory strikes. Any such action is also expected to involve B52 bombers from Diego Garcia in the Indian Ocean, and warships armed with Tomahawk cruise missiles, which are already in the Gulf.

Tariq Aziz, the deputy Prime Minister of Iraq, issued a warning to Kuwait yesterday that it should not permit its bases to be used for a possible strike against Iraq. "We consider this conduct on the part of the Kuwait regime a flagrant aggression against Iraqi people and an act of war against Iraq," he said.

The White House said no Iraqi missiles had been fired at American aircraft. "The only fireworks today have come from Tariq Aziz's mouth," one official said.

William Perry, the Defence Secretary, who had issued a warning of a "disproportionate" response to any provocation of American forces, said the Iraqi minister's comments were "totally unacceptable".

He said: "US forces have

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Hogg wins support for lower cattle cull

By Philip Webster, political editor

THE Government took the first step yesterday towards abandoning or severely scaling down the selective slaughter of 125,000 younger cattle thought to be at greatest risk from BSE.

Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, won backing from the Cabinet for his intention to tell Brussels that he had no hope of getting the cull scheme passed by the Commons without a guarantee that the export ban on British beef would be lifted soon. He is to argue in talks with Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, on Monday that new scientific research suggesting that BSE will die out naturally in five years has changed the basis on which the original slaughter plans were based. But he will also accept that other research confirming that BSE can be passed from mothers to calves could justify the slaughter of some 22,000 "last born" calves of infected cows.

The Cabinet discussion appeared to reflect the growing recognition among ministers that the timetable agreed at the Florence summit for the lifting of the beef ban is unlikely to be met. The Government is deeply anxious to avoid a further confrontation with Brussels on the issue, and is avoiding inflammatory public statements.

But Mr Hogg's view that there is little point in going ahead with the selective slaughter — which was never scientifically justified but agreed to only as part of a framework for lifting the ban — if the prohibition is to remain in force has strong backing in the Tory party.

Meanwhile the Government took urgent action to reduce the growing backlog of older cattle to be slaughtered under the 30-month scheme. Measures agreed included allowing a greater proportion of each animal to be placed in cold storage and the conversion of two more large grain stores into cold storage centres, providing space for an extra 25,000 carcasses.

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Prince vents anger against tourist hotel 'uglification'

By Alan Hamilton

THE Prince of Wales, scourge of carbuncles, has found a new source of blots on the landscape, and an excrescense of a word to describe them. The latest offenders are hotels, and what they contribute to the world is "uglification".

Ugly and insensitive hotels are rapidly spoiling the world's unspoilt places, the Prince says in an article directed at the tourist industry to be published on Monday.

Instead of throwing up endless concrete monstrosities, hotel companies should make much more use of existing buildings, accommodating tourists in converted mills, old hospitals, abandoned military buildings, or monasteries, the Prince says. From Hyde Park Corner in London to the most far-flung corners of Africa, he suggests, the tourist industry has erected hideous carbuncles for short-term gain, with no regard to surroundings or environment.

The Prince sounds off in the trade magazine *Green Hotelier*, launched a year ago as part of his initiative, through his Business Leaders' Forum, to persuade the international hotel industry to become more environmentally friendly, whether by building sympathetically or by washing guest towels only when they have been used.

"Economic growth and increased tourism have brought with them the almost unstoppable seeds of destruction for the unspoilt parts of our world which drive the quest for travel in the first place. For many places the process of uglification through insensitive development for mass tourism, and the destruction of natural environments, townscapes and fragile ecosystems have demonstrated, vividly and tragically, the limits to sustainability."

As an example of ugliness close to home, or what he calls "bad-mannered development", the Prince cites the collection of concrete hotels clustered around Hyde Park Corner — although just across the street is another hotel converted from an old hospital.

Hyde Park Corner's three giant hotels, which date from the 1960s, are the Hilton, the Intercontinental and the Four Seasons, formerly the Inn on the Park. On the opposite corner is the Lanesborough, carved in the 1990s out of what used to be St George's Hospital, and preserving the old building's classical facade.

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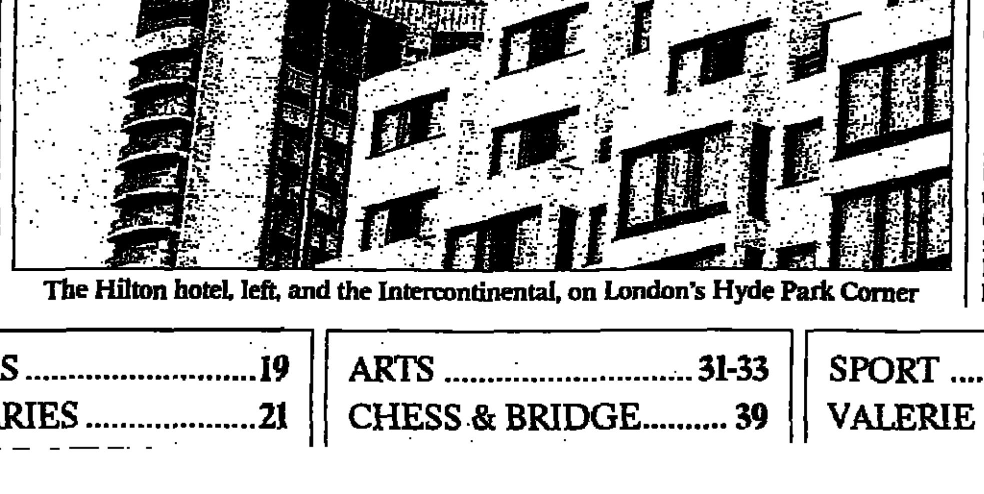

The Hilton hotel, left, and the Intercontinental, on London's Hyde Park Corner

Model agency boss jailed

Peter Martin, the boss of a model agency who drugged and brainwashed teenage girls at his home, was jailed for 20 years for a series of rapes and assaults.

Martin, 56, a former policeman, provided girls for the football and media tycoon Owen Oyston, who was jailed for six years in May for raping and assaulting a 16-year-old model delivered to his home by Martin ....Page 5

Girls rout boys in A-level war

Girls in independent schools have overtaken boys at A level. Until now the battle of the sexes has been won by girls at GCSE and by boys at A level. But the first gender analysis of the independent sector's results shows that male dominance in the sixth form is over......... Pages 10, 35

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A raft of strong company results helped the FT-SE 100 index to rise 27.0 points, closing at a record 3932.6 despite disappointment over inflation, which fell to 2.1 per cent in August from 2.2 per cent in July.................Page 23

Liverpool win

Liverpool beat the part-timers MyPa-47 1-0 at Anjalankoski in Finland in the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup tie. Stig Inge Bjornebye scored the goal in the second half after 61 minutes with a left-footed volley....... Page 44

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Ministers fear new IRA bomb campaign

By Arthur Leathley and Michael Evans

MINISTERS fear that the IRA is poised for a mainland bombing campaign in defiance of intensifying pressure for a renewed ceasefire.

Intelligence services have warned that a small network of terrorists is preparing to target high-profile industrial or commercial centres. They are said to have compiled a honed-down list of targets that would hit Britain financially, prompting fears that attacks may again be aimed at the City of London.

Ministers have been told that experienced IRA members are leading training programmes in Britain in preparation for a bombing offensive within the next two months. The warnings contradict suggestions by the Irish Government that the IRA is poised to declare a ceasefire in an effort to allow Sinn Fein, its political wing, into the Northern Ireland cross—party talks.

The new intelligence information comes in the wake of a warning by Sir Hugh Annesley, the former RUC Chief Constable, that the IRA was preparing a mainland campaign. The Belfast talks have reached a critical stage, with the British and Irish governments pressing parties to move to substantive discussions, including the surrender of terrorist weapons.

British Government sources say that the new intelligence casts serious doubts on the optimism shown by John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, who indicated on Wednesday that there was a prospect of an IRA ceasefire. Fears have increased despite police and MI5 breakthroughs in which the IRA's "engineering department", which develops bomb—making techniques, is thought to have been undermined.

Although seizures of large caches of arms and equipment are thought to have disrupted plans, intelligence services believe that the terrorists are lying low in readiness for a headline—grabbing "spectacular" by IRA "cleanskins" — trained terrorists unknown to the police.

The unconvicted terrorists are believed to have been behind the London Docklands bombing that ended the IRA ceasefire in February, and the Manchester bomb that devastated the Arndale shopping centre.

Some republican activists are known to have opposed a renewed terror campaign, claiming that the movement has recaptured some of the moral high ground from loyalists who were embroiled in summer violence in Northern Ireland. Members of the IRA's army council have also been warned that an attack could severely damage support in the US. In the run—up to the US Presidential elections in November, any attack would draw scathing criticism from President Clinton as he leads a high-profile international drive against terrorism.

Even if the predicted bombings do not materialise, ministers are believed to be sceptical about suggestions of a meaningful ceasefire, which could allow Gerry Adams and fellow Sinn Fein leaders to attend the Belfast peace talks.

John Major is being warned to resist any truce that falls short of an unequivocal restoration of the 17-month ceasefire that ended in February this year. Senior Tory MPs fear that the Government's anxiety to revive the flagging Northern Ireland talks in the run—up to a general election could prompt ministers to acept a conditional ceasefire.

However, pro-Unionist Tory MPs have made clear that they will accept nothing short of a total ceasefire alongside the first moves towards weapons decommissioning.

Iraqi threat

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very robust rules of engagement. So everybody should understand that the United States will take all necessary and appropriate action to protect our forces and to protect our interests in the area."

The Kuwaiti Cabinet and military commanders met in emergency session to discuss the latest statements from Iraq, a country whose threats it has learnt from experience to take seriously. However, some Arab diplomats dismissed the Iraqi threats as mere rhetoric and said it was inevitable that Baghdad would take this stand against Kuwait for allowing itself to be used as a launching pad for strikes against Iraq.

An Arab envoy in Jordan said: "It's a hollow threat. Saddam's army is not capable of moving against Kuwait and without air cover would be bombed to bits before it could ever reach the border."

As the United States mustered its biggest show of air power against Iraq since the Gulf War, Baghdad insisted that it would try to shoot down any American. British and French warplanes flying over its territory.

"Iraq will continue defending its national air space," Abd-al-Ghani Abd-al-Ghafur, Iraq's information minister, said.

After the American cruise missile strikes on southern Iraq last week, Saddam said he would no longer honour the "damned imaginary" no-fly zones and any attacks on allied warplanes were legitimate acts of self-defence.

☐ **Aid warning:** British aid workers are trying to carry on their missions in dangerous and difficult conditions in northern Iraq, some with little or no means of contacting the outside world (Eve-Ann Prentice writes).

Save the Children is so worried abouts its personnel that it refuses to say how many workers are in the area. "We have 200 people in the country but we don't want to go into numbers around Arbil and Sulaimaniya because we are really concerned and do not want to compromise their safety," a spokeswoman said.

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BRIAN LITTLE

Gerry Adams greets Mary Robinson during a visit by the President of the Irish Republic to west Belfast yesterday. The two shook hands for the first time in public at the end of a visit to a youth development project at a school on the Upper Springfield Road (Nicholas Watt writes). The brief meeting took place at a spot in the school assembly hall which appeared to have been arranged between Sinn Fein and the presidential party. The Sinn Fein president welcomed Mrs Robinson to Belfast in Irish before she moved on. The handshake was seen last night as part of a concerted attempt by Dublin to endorse the Sinn Fein president after the disturbances in Northern Ireland during the marching season. Dublin believes that Mr Adams heads a "peace camp" within the republican movement, and that he should be encouraged in his apparent efforts to restore the IRA ceasefire. In Washington on Wednesday John Bruton, the Irish Prime Minister, appealed to the IRA to restore its ceasefire. After the visit, Mrs Robinson played down the significance of her meeting. She said she had no role in the political discussions, which allowed her to meet people in their work at a community level. "It was in that context that I met Gerry Adams." Unionists reacted furiously when Mrs Robinson shook hands with Mr Adams in private in Belfast in 1993.

Fresh opposition to 48-hour week

From Charles Bremner in Brussels and Philip Webster in London

BRITAIN yesterday promised to resist fresh proposals from the European Commission that would impose a 48-hour week on workers exempted from European Union legislation.

Ministers pledged to intensify their efforts to close loopholes through which they claim Brussels is imposing the social chapter in Britain. They said they would fight plans that could limit the working time of transport employees, hospital doctors and others who are exempted from the controversial directive imposing a 48-hour week. The Government has appealed against the measure.

Downing Street made plain last night that John Major would not sign up to agreements in the current intergovernmental conference unless the loophole that allowed Brussels to bring forward matters governing employment rights under health and safety legislation was closed. Ian Lang, the President of the Board of Trade, said that the latest Brussels move was another example of how important it was to resist the encroachment of the EU into employment matters.

The TUC yesterday welcomed the plan. John Monks, its General-Secretary, said: "I strongly welcome the EC's move to limit transport workers' hours. Tired and stressed-out drivers are a danger to the public as well as themselves."

The EU Commission confirmed that it was working on a longstanding plan to extend the working time directive. The main workers affected would be those in railways, airlines, road haulage and shipping. Junior hospital doctors could also be covered because, unlike those in most other EU states, they are employees rather than students. British workers are more affected by any working hour limits than those in other states because, on average, they work the longest hours in western Europe.

The Government is fiercely opposed to the whole principle of the working directive, passed in 1993 by majority voting after long negotiation in which the Government won broad exemptions. Britain abstained. However, it reversed its approach and challenged the law in the European Court of Justice last spring on the ground that the measure, which comes into effect in November, was wrongly passed under the heading of health and safety. The Government says the directive breaches the spirit of its opt-out from the social chapter, the protocol to the Maastricht treaty covering employment conditions among the 14 other member states.

A court decision is expected in the middle of next month. EU officials are confident that Britain will be overruled because a preliminary finding by the court's adviser last March found against the Government's case.

End of the road for Transport Department

By Valerie Elliott, Whitehall Editor

THE Department of Transport seems certain to disappear, whether the Conservatives or Labour win the general election.

Senior Whitehall officials have considered for some time that the department no longer has sufficient functions to warrant its status as a separate department of state. With the privatisation of British Rail and the creation of agencies to deal with the highways, maritime safety and coastguards, they believe remaining policy functions could easily be transferred.

The most likely option is for roads, planning and road safety policy to be reintegrated with the Department of Environment, and for aviation, shipping and matters concerning the regulation of the private transport companies to be moved to Trade and Industry.

Such a move fits in with the Government drive for a slimmer central bureaucracy. But the interesting development is that senior Labour politicians are also now discussing the abolition of Transport as a separate Cabinet portfolio. A source close to Tony Blair, the Labour leader, confirmed last night that Claire Short was told about the likelihood of Transport losing its Cabinet status when she was moved to the Overseas Development brief.

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Unions demand more rights than Labour wants to offer

By Christine Buckley
Industrial Correspondent

TRADE unions again challenged Labour hopes of transforming industrial relations yesterday, demanding rights beyond what a Blair government would grant.

At the Trades Union Congress, meeting in Blackpool, Tony Dubbins, general secretary of the Graphical, Paper and Media Union, criticised Labour for failing to guarantee the full restoration of trade union rights removed by the Conservatives. The TUC's demands for increased employment laws come as Labour makes clearer its proposals to reform industrial legislation, floating plans for binding arbitration for disputes involving public sector services. Visits to the TUC by Tony Blair, the Labour leader, and David Blunkett, the Shadow Employment Secretary, made plain the distance that new Labour is prepared to put between itself and the unions.

The TUC yesterday overwhelmingly endorsed a call for employment rights from the first day of employment; rights for all workers to be represented by a union; union recognition to be legally underwritten if union membership is more than 50 per cent of a workplace bargaining unit; recognition to cover all collective bargaining; laws to ban the dismissal of workers who join legitimate disputes; the right to take solidarity action; limits on flexible hours contracts; and the banning of zero-hour contracts which offer no guarantee of work.

Labour recently declined to confirm a pledge made by the late John Smith when he was Labour leader that employment rights would start on the day a person started a job rather than the current requirement of two years. The party said it was seeking clarification of a European case. It is that thought a one-year requirement is likely.

Mr Dubbins also criticised Labour for plans to require ballots over recognition where unions can already claim more than 50 per cent membership. He said the plan was "cumbersome, bureaucratic, and , at the end of the day, I believe it would be unworkable." Alan Johnson, of the Communication Workers' Union, whose Royal Mail membership is involved in a series of strikes, told the TUC: "The question of if, when and how many times we ballot is a matter for us."

However, a call from Arthur Scargill, president of National Union of Mineworkers, to refuse to work within union legislation was defeated.

Mr Scargill, who has left Labour and set up his Socialist Labour Party, condemned the spirit of co-operation called for by John Monks, TUC general secretary, in his keynote speech to the conference earlier this week, and dismissed new unionism as "old-style sell-out".

Mouths where their money is

By Jill Sherman, Chief Political Correspondent

LABOUR'S caution over severing links with the unions has been largely due to its dependence on their financial support. In 1995 the unions contributed £6.8 million, 54 per cent of the party's £12.5 million income.

In 1986, union funding represented 77 per cent of party income and Labour sources claim the proportion is still dropping as more donations come from business and party members. The 1995 accounts show that fundraising raised 18.6 per cent of income and membership 16 per cent. Fundraising includes one-off donations from some larger unions. Those unions who have already contributed over £5,000 as one-off gifts include Workers Union, Unison, the public sector union, the GMB general workers union, the AEEU engineering union and the CWU communications union.

Unions provide £4.5 million in affiliation fees. Many give unspecified amounts to individual MPs for their costs. Direct sponsorship of MPs has ended but unions give money to MPs' constituencies.

Unions also have a significant role in policy-making, although this has been significantly reduced under Tony Blair's leadership. Twelve of the elected members of the national executive committee, Labour's ruling body, are union leaders and unions have a key role on the national and approves important policy documents.

Unions still effectively have a 50 per cent block vote at the annual party conference, which has reduced from 70 per cent since Mr Blair became Labour leader. Although individual delegates now technically have their own vote at the party conference, many union leaders still tend unofficially to mandate their delegates on the eve of crucial votes.

The unions hold 33.3 per cent of the vote in the electoral college for leadership elections.

But perhaps the most significant contribution the unions give is their campaigning work for general elections. They have a huge network of

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Fury as legal aid reforms go ahead

The Government will face concerted opposition — including possible strike action — over its intention to go ahead with legal aid reforms that do not need legislation, *writes Frances Gibb.* The Law Society and advice groups including the Child Poverty Action Group and Shelter yesterday launched a joint campaign to fight the reforms.

They gave warning that the plans, outlined in a White Paper in July, would "seriously undermine the ability of people on low incomes to enforce their legal rights".

The Government recently shelved the key parts of its legal aid reforms.

Vodka ad rebuke

An poster depicting a confession box bursting into flames as the devil tries to purify himself under the influence of Smirnoff vodka has caused offence in Ireland. The Republic's Advertising Standards' Authority has censured Smirnoff's advertising agency, Cawley Nea in Dublin, after complaints about it using the image of a sacrament.

Jim Cantwell, spokesman for the Roman Catholic Church, said: "Catholics are not averse to humour, but this was a joke in bad taste."

MS complaints

The Multiple Sclerosis Society has been inundated with complaints and accused of breaching confidentiality by sending a sensitive magazine to 55,000 members in a see-through envelope.

Debbie Henn, secretary of the MS Society branch in Croydon, south London, said: "The issue has the words 'Incontence, freedom and you' in enormous orange letters. People are sensitive enough about being ill without the postman and everyone else seeing this."

Cool Carey

The Archbishop of Canterbury will take part tomorrow in an "ambient, chilled, acid jazz, trip-hop" service that has more in common with a nightclub than evensong.

Dr George Carey will sit on a cushion in the nonconformist chapel, answer questions and sample "pumping dance music" at the hour-long act of worship which he asked to attend, according to today's *Church Times.* Up to a 100 youths are expected to attend the service, which takes place monthly in Cranbrook, Kent.

Royal reporter

The Duchess of York has been commissioned to write celebrity interviews for *Paris Match,* four years after suing the French magazine for publishing the infamous toe-sucking pictures that precipitated her fall from grace. A spokesman for *Paris Match* said last night: "She is going to be one of our reporters. We approached her and she accepted. Fergie is very well known in France and she is very popular. She is very direct and spontaneous and the French love her."

Thinking small

Peter Lilley has disclosed that he is the only Cabinet member to eschew a five-star hotel room during the Conservative conference, because he cannot abide "wasting money".

The Social Security Secretary, who runs a £90 billion budget, is portrayed in a new BBC2 documentary, *The System,* as a frugal character. At the Blackpool conference last year, he is shown rehearsing his big speech in a modest, three-star hotel room while other Cabinet ministers were at the Imperial.

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It's all over till the thin lad sings again

Despite the acrimony and the walkouts, we are unlikely to have heard the last from Oasis, says Caitlin Moran

WHY are Oasis are so cool? Because by always being one punch away from splitting up they have kept their fans in a state of permanent anxiety. One would hazard that the reason 5 per cent of the population applied for tickets to this summer's Knebworth gigs was the very real fear that there would not be any Oasis gigs next year.

The urgency of Oasis's music is matched only by the rapacious speed at which the band is ticking off career moves from *The Big Rock'n' Roll Handbook*: controversial girlfriends, drugs, drink, fights, hotel wrecking, numerous drummers, public break-ups and even more public reconciliations. In an industry where every move, angle and scam is planned a year in advance, Oasis have reintroduced unpredictability: and the public's gratitude for this rare excitement is expressed in sales of 9.5 million copies of *(What's The Story) Morning Glory?*

However, the emotional toll of living the life of a mega-pop star is enormous. "You wanna try being me and [Liam] for an afternoon. You'd slit your own throat, mate," Noel Gallager told *Select* magazine in August. Well, life certainly hasn't got any easier for the brothers since then. After a blazing row with Liam, Noel has flown back to England, cancelling the ill-fated tour. Their record label, Creation, has issued a statement neither confirming nor denying that the band has split up, and all the rest is rumour.

However, it's not like this is a freakish event. Noel has walked out on the band before — last year's American tour saw him go missing on a five-day hedonism spree before he calmed down and rejoined the band. Last Christmas saw numerous press reports heralding the end of Oasis: Liam walked out on the band during a recording of *Later With Jools Holland*. In the following furore, it was mooted that Robbie Williams, the minx from Take That, would be joining the band as Liam's replacement. Of course, this didn't happen. Even the band's first major interview, with the *New Musical Express*, saw Noel break a chair over Liam's head.

The recently published *What's The Story?*, by former tour manager Ian Robertson, was a hugely entertaining *Who's Hitting Who*, cataloguing Oasis's many spats and brawls on tour.

The band has not been out of the tabloids for two years now — two years of telephoto lenses trained on their toilets; journalists sleeping on their doorsteps; fans ripping their hair out and every quote analysed for scandal/wisdom/inadvertent insight.

In the past month alone, Oasis have had front pages recording Liam's engagement to Patsy Kensit, his sudden quitting of the American tour to find a house, his alleged visits to a psychiatrist and his spitting at the audience at the MTV video awards in New York. Coupled with this, ticket sales at several of the venues on the American tour have been disappointing — more than enough to make any pop star, however hard and rockin' he is, to want to go home to his mum for a bit.

I would hazard a guess that, after the initial shock headlines, Noel and Liam will have a chat, have a bit of a fight, have a couple of drinks, one more fight for the road, and then start planning next year's album. All of this has happened before — and it will happen many times again before the cries of "Wolf!" are for real.

Public interest generated by their uncertain future has generated massive sales of Oasis's albums

SIMON WALKER

They love each other really: Liam and Noel Gallagher with the less demonstrative members of the band

Oasis tour abandoned after row

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Hopkins said in a statement: "Oasis have hit internal differences on their ninth tour of America which has resulted in the tour being pulled two-thirds of the way through. It is unlikely that immediate touring commitments will be fulfilled."

If successful the tour was to have elevated Oasis to the superstatus alongside the Gallaghers' heroes, The Beatles. Ironically, The Beatles performed their last concert in America in San Francisco in 1966 and never toured again. The legendary punk band the Sex Pistols also split up while touring in America.

If Oasis do disband it will be the second major blow to the British pop industry in less than a year. Take That, which achieved worldwide fame and almost revived the moribund singles market, also split up soon after Robbie Williams left the band.

Last night a red-eyed Noel Gallagher refused to say a word as he arrived at London's Heathrow airport. After stepping off a Concorde flight from New York, he walked with his head down through Terminal 4's arrival lounge accompanied by a bodyguard, and was met by two more minders.

One source said Noel left after a five-hour "summit meeting" called by himself and his brother at their hotel.

Jet bomb hoaxer faces bill of £100,000

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

A BOMB hoaxer who forced an American Airlines jet to turn back to Britain in mid-Atlantic faces criminal prosecution and a civil action for the estimated £100,000 cost of the diversion.

The Boeing 767 from Heathrow to Chicago was 400 miles out over the Atlantic when a passenger found a handwritten note that had fallen from the seat-back pocket in front. It contained a warning that a bomb was on board.

Police and airline officials do not think a passenger on the diverted flight was involved. They are combing records of previous flights to find the culprit.

As it contained references to Lockerbie, the captain returned to the nearest airfield, more than an hour away at Glasgow. Passengers were taken off and the jet searched, but nothing was found.

American Airlines said that extra fuel, landing charges, hotel accommodation for passengers and disruption to the crew's rotas and aircraft schedules had cost at least £100,000. "We are now discussing with lawyers whether we are able to sue under either British or American law."

The passengers left Heathrow yesterday 26 hours late. They will receive refunds which the hoaxer would be sued for. Criminal charges would bring at least seven years' jail.

Which? test helped gang to steal cash

By Tim Jones

THE consumer magazine *Which?* unwittingly helped a former bank security consultant to steal £130,000 from "hole in the wall" cash machines, it was alleged yesterday.

Andrew Stone, 30, was given the perfect cover to try out his plan when the magazine asked him to test his theory about security flaws, Southwark Crown Court was told.

Which?'s interest was legitimate when, in 1994, it gave Stone the name of an account and permission to see whether he could gain access to it. Michael Holland, for the prosecution, said: "The beauty of it for him was that he got a dry run and, if he was caught, he had a perfect explanation."

Once Stone had established that his scheme worked he began in earnest to steal substantial amounts of money, Mr Holland said. He and his accomplices toured the country looking for Abbey National cash machines that were overlooked by premises they could rent.

Then they used two video cameras to film customers making transactions. One was trained on the customer's fingers to identify his or her personal number. The other filmed the card.

Mr Holland said that the gang would then spend days collating the results and matching the numbers to account details. This enabled them to manufacture scores of forged cards that enabled them, at their leisure, to empty accounts by amounts of up to £250 a time.

Stone, of Fairham, Hampshire, has admitted conspiracy to steal and will be sentenced later. A co-defendant, aged 47, who cannot be named for legal reasons, denies taking part in the plot. Other gang members have not been caught.

The trial continues.

Stalker ruined my life, woman tells court

By Kathryn Knight

A YOUNG woman fought back tears in the witness box yesterday as she told a man accused of stalking her for four years that he had ruined her life.

Sitting only feet apart in the crowded courtroom, Margaret Bent, 30 a cafe manageress, refused to look at Dennis Chambers as she said he had taken over her life. "My mind is not my own at the moment," she said.

Mr Chambers, 37, a delivery van driver, denies causing grievous bodily harm with intent, grievous bodily harm and affray. Miss Bent twiddled her hands nervously and stared straight ahead as Mr Chambers, who is representing himself, left the dock and sat on benches normally reserved for lawyers as he prepared to conduct his defence.

Miss Bent told Inner London Crown Court that she had lost weight, lost sleep, felt ill and taken up smoking because of the psychological stress caused by Mr Chambers. She claims he followed her home nearly every day and pestered her with thousands of phone calls, as well as threatening her with a knife. She had told the jury: "When I see him it makes me feel scared, worried, sick."

Mr Chambers accused her of lying, saying: "I have never caused her GBH, that's what I'm trying to get at."

Quentin Campbell, the Recorder, told Miss Bent that Mr Chambers' case was that he had not caused her "serious psychological injury". Miss Bent said: "He would not know, he would not know what's happened to me because he's never spent any time in my company. He didn't know me before and he doesn't know me now."

Asked by the judge if her stress was due to other problems in her life, she replied: "My life is not my own at the moment. I am constantly thinking about what he is going to do next. I am constantly walking down the street thinking 'What is going to happen to me?' and always looking behind me. So no, no."

Miss Bent, from Brixton, south London, told the court that her ordeal began in 1992 when Mr Chambers walked up to her in the street and tried to pick her up. Despite making it clear she was not interested, he would not take no for an answer.

In the years that followed he followed her home from work several times a week and repeatedly called her at the restaurant. Towards the end of 1994 he became aggressive. He registered his car in her name so that she received a string of parking tickets, court summonses and threatening letters from bailiffs.

Mr Chambers was arrested in March after Miss Bent called the police from her cafe. She said she had locked herself in her office after he went into the cafe armed with a 10-inch blade and threatened to kill her. The trial continues.

Margaret Bent: said her mind was not her own

Village uproar after fête visitor cries 'cheat' at tombola stall

By Robin Young

THINGS suddenly turned nasty at the village fête when a visitor accused the organisers of rigging the tombola. First the police were called, then the local trading standards department.

Locals at Apperley, population 460, on the banks of the Severn near Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, appalled by the row, insist that they had done nothing wrong.

The trouble started when Leonard Morton, of Swindon, Wiltshire, noticed that few prizes were being won. He this won him only one cigarette lighter and a bar of soap, he accused the stall's owners of working a scam, because there were many prizes left displaying blue tickets.

Tempers and voices were raised and Mr Morton, 50, a charity worker, stormed off to to the police in Cheltenham, who referred it to the trading standards department.

Mr Morton said yesterday: "It seemed strange that all those prizes were sitting there and nobody was winning. So I bought all the blue tickets. Surprise, surprise, there were still about 14 prizes with blue tickets left. It was denied any wrongdoing but suggested that some tickets might have "blown away". The parish council chairman, William Morris, said: "It was all above board. There was a general muddle when the lid fell off the tombola barrel. It was a breezy day and some of them may have blown away."

Peter Myers, a solicitor from Apperley who helped to run the tombola, said: "The reason prizes were left was that some people had kindly not claimed them. They were given out at the end. People like him make me sick."

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Trusted former policeman preyed on the ambitions of teenage girls who were lured to his home

Model agency rapist gets 20 years

By Kate Alderson

BILL BATCHELOR

Martin, centre, being taken away to start his sentence yesterday

THE head of a model agency who drugged and brainwashed teenage girls at his home was jailed for 20 years yesterday for a series of rapes and assaults.

Peter Martin, 56, a former policeman, was of the most prolific sex offenders to appear before the courts in Britain. He also provided girls for the football and media tycoon Owen Oyston, who was jailed for six years in May for raping and assaulting a 16-year-old model delivered to his home by Martin.

As the portly, bearded agency chief was led up from the court cells to hear the jury's verdicts yesterday, he leered and winked at the public gallery, where some of his victims were sitting. Moments later he stood, ashen-faced, one hand hooked into the back of his jeans, as the jury foreman returned the first of a string of guilty verdicts over six rapes and five indecent assaults stretching over 13 years.

There were gasps of relief from the gallery. The cases involving girls aged 13 to 18 were only specimen charges, chosen from a total of 64, including 19 rapes.

During the two-month trial, the jury was told that girls went to his agency in Sale, Greater Manchester, hoping for glamorous careers. Instead they were brainwashed into obedience, fed hypnotic drugs under the pretence that they were slimming and vitamin pills, and indecently assaulted before Martin forced them to have sex, usually just after their sixteenth birthdays.

Many still suffered nightmares and emotional disturbances. Judge Brian Carter, QC, said: "The parents of the girls involved trusted you and relied on you to look after their daughters, starting at your agency well under the age of 16 in some cases. You emphasised to the parents that you were an ex-police officer and therefore could be trusted.

"The girls were ambitious to become successful models and you took advantage of them in a deliberate and premeditated way. You not only destroyed their youth and innocence, you deprived them of a normal happy and healthy adult life.

"You denied all these offences and required the complainants to give evidence and relive their experience. It is difficult to think of a worse case of its type."

Martin's former girlfriend, Tracey Grainey, was cleared. Right, the Model House, where up to 20 girls stayed at once

Martin's home became known as the Model House. Up to 20 girls would stay at one time in a "strange, perverted family situation," Helen Grindrod, QC, prosecuting, told Manchester Crown Court. The girls, who attended modelling classes at weekends, could not use the telephone or go out without permission. Friendships, boyfriends and contact with families was discouraged.

Many were given tablets which they were told would relax them, but made them sleepy and zombie-like. Girls became aware of the importance of their sixteeth birthdays, because then Martin regarded them as fair game. The sex was often violent, involving hair-pulling and face-slapping. Sometimes they were bound and gagged. Many former models spoke of feeling brainwashed.

Mrs Grindrod said: "His favourites were made the subject of outbursts of anger and humiliation in front of the others. In their innocence, they strove harder to please the boss, the man who held the key to their future." He met Oyston in 1987 after the tycoon's daughter, Dawn, went to his agency to do a stint at modelling. Martin introduced girls to Oyston, saying he was a powerful friend who could be useful in their careers.

Police began investigating after two girls complained to their aunt of being groped by Martin. A detective said: "We broke in to find Martin dangling from the loft, hiding a load of videos."

When detectives saw videos of businessmen having sex with teenage girls, they believed that they were dealing with a blackmail case. However, after the publication of Martin's arrest, more girls filed complaints. In a five-month investigation, there were also allegations against Oyston.

Martin told the court that his house merely had a "fun atmosphere" adding: "It was high spirits or everyone having a good time or people being reckless or people being sexual."

Martin's former lover and assistant, Tracey Grainey, 30, was cleared of all four sex charges against her. Miss Grainey, a successful model who was seduced by Martin at the age of 16, wept uncontrollably as the verdicts were delivered.

Shady outfits exploit hopes of the young

By Kate Alderson

THE model agency run by Peter Martin was registered for most of its existence but, according to police, the registration was always in someone else's name.

Until January 1995, all modelling agents had to be registered with the Department of Employment. Today, modelling agents, like all employment agencies, are circumscribed by the Employment Agencies Act. The rights of young girls working for a modelling agent are similar to those of an adult, and inspectors investigate complaints.

Under the 1963 Children and Young Persons Act, any person under 18 who is taking part in a performance to be filmed or broadcast, or a theatrical performance — which could include a modelling show — must be chaperoned. When a child or teenager is involved in stills photography there is no such requirement, according to the Department of Health. A spokesman said: "Parents should be taking care that the person looking after their child is a reasonable person and should take steps to find out about them."

Laurie Kuhrt, chairman of the Association of Model Agents, said the world of bona fide modelling agents was small. "I have been in the business for 30 years and there has never been an incident, even a trivial one, within the AMA.

"Unfortunately, the model business is capable of being exploited, and outside the bona fide business there are people operating so-called agencies and schools and all kinds of other spin-offs. The usual motivation is to encourage aspiring models to part with their money — and they rarely get them work.

"Some will entice girls in for sinister reasons. These agents take advantage of the fact that young people have stars in their eyes and they are extraordinarily gullible." The association's members must have been trading for at least two years, provide evidence that they are getting suitable work for their models, and demonstrate high standards of working practice.

Elisabeth Smith, who runs her modelling agency in London and specialises in finding work for children, teenagers and families, said: "People should never, ever answer an advert for modelling in the newspaper. No reputable agency needs to advertise."

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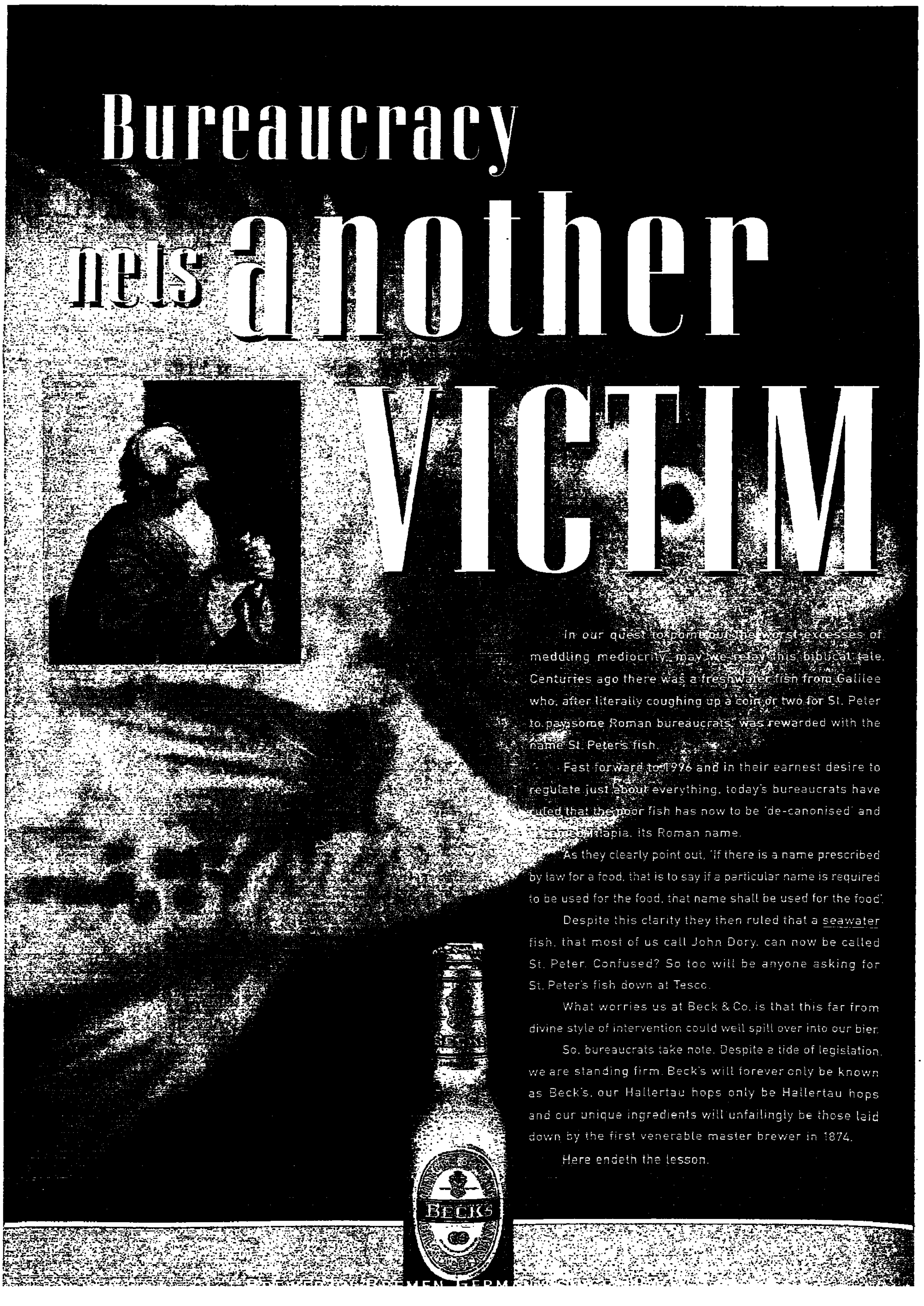

In our quest to point out the worst excesses of meddling mediocrity, may we relay this biblical tale. Centuries ago there was a freshwater fish from Galilee who, after literally coughing up a coin or two for St. Peter to pay some Roman bureaucrats, was rewarded with the name St. Peter's fish.

Fast forward to 1996 and in their earnest desire to regulate just about everything, today's bureaucrats have ruled that the poor fish has now to be 'de-canonised' and [illegible] Tilapia, its Roman name.

As they clearly point out, 'If there is a name prescribed by law for a food, that is to say if a particular name is required to be used for the food, that name shall be used for the food'.

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Here endeth the lesson.

Psychologists extol benefits of divorce for all the family

By Jeremy Laurance, health correspondent

DIVORCE can benefit parents and children by increasing their self-reliance and giving them control over their lives, psychologists said yesterday.

The breakup of the traditional nuclear family is not as big a disaster as it is painted. Although single parents may have more to cope with, they experience greater rewards, mothers have a sense of achievement over doing a difficult job well and children report a feeling of love and security no matter who provides it, according to research in London and Lancaster.

Dr Ann Woollett, who presented a symposium "Positive perspectives of divorce and single parenthood" to the British Psychological Society's developmental section conference in Oxford yesterday, said that, by the end of the century, nuclear families would be outnumbered by stepfamilies and single-parent families.

"Divorce is clearly an unpleasant and painful experience. But there are some more positive aspects. There was a sense that with more responsibility comes more reward. Some women said, 'Yes, we are hard up, but at least now we know what is happening.' If they had been in a stressful relationship with a man who was often not around or spending the household money they did not feel that much worse off because they no longer had to cope with the unreliability."

Dr Woollett and Patsy Fuller, of the University of East London, interviewed 35 single mothers living in east London. "We wanted to find out what divorce feels like for mothers and children. It often seemed that the mothers were singing that Gloria Gaynor song *I Will Survive*.

"They had come through a painful experience, were working very hard under difficult circumstances and were proud of what they had achieved. The children felt loved and were proud of their mums," Dr Woollett said.

In a second study, conducted at Lancaster University, 76 mothers from separated and married families with a child aged between one and two were compared. The researchers, Dr Cheryl Kier and Dr Charlie Lewis, found that, although the separated mothers had faced greater difficulties in the past year, they also saw them as having a positive effect. Separation was a "subtle balance" of disadvantages and gains for the parent who had custody of the child.

Dr Woollett, 51, whose second marriage has lasted 20 years, admitted that the findings flew in the face of research showing that divorce disadvantaged children. "We are not trying to say that divorce is a good thing, but there are ways of coping. We were not looking at performance. We were trying to see what divorce is like from the inside for those going through it. So much of the research has been from the outside, looking at measures of behaviour and achievement.

"If there is a political message in these findings it is that we ought to think more about how we support couples so marriages don't break down, and support single parents when they do."

Home care is best for baby

Children who have been cared for in crèches or day centres from before the age of one are more likely to develop problems in co-operating with other children than those who have been looked after at home, University of Milan researchers told the conference. "These results suggest that, at least for some children, when relationships with parents are impoverished due to early and extended group care in infancy, the growth of some social abilities relevant to moral development may be problematic."

Kent Nagano rehearsing the Hallé for the first night at the Bridgewater Hall

Hallé's new home earns mixed reviews

By Kate Alderson and Marcus Binney

MANCHESTER'S new £42 million concert hall opened to mixed notices from the critics but a resounding welcome from most of its first-night audience.

Some reviewers thought the Hallé Orchestra's performance of works by Elgar, Walton and George Benjamin at the Bridgewater Hall lacked body and presence. Gerald Larner, writing in *The Times* today, said that the Hallé sounded remote from his seat in the gallery. Others said that the strings had to compete with heavy bass and called for adjustments to the acoustics.

But for the rest of the audience, sprinkled with civic leaders and sponsors, the ovation suggested that the sound was quite good enough. Michael Bukht, Classic FM's programme controller, whose station broadcast the concert conducted by Kent Nagano, declared the hall the best venue in Britain. It is the new home of the Hallé, formerly housed in the Free Trade Hall, and is the performance base of the BBC Philharmonic and Manchester Camerata.

Mr Bukht said: "The opening night was one of the finest concerts I think we have ever broadcast. On every level, as a piece of equipment, it works for the audience and the players."

Nicholas Payne, the opera director at Covent Garden, praised the vivid sound. "Hats off to Manchester. The sound was both clear and rich. The whole performance was an unqualified success and the clever design means you are close to the orchestra."

The Hallé members said that they were very happy with the acoustics of their new home, which seats 2,400 and has taken three years to build. A pioneering feature are the springs it sits on, designed to eliminate noise from Metrolink trams.

With concert hall acoustics such a contentious issue, Arup Acoustics, who worked on the Bridgewater, sought to achieve a mix of the two classic types of auditorium, the shoebox and the vineyard. The shoebox, with balconies around the sides, has a maximum capacity of about 1,500 before acoustics suffer. For larger halls, the vineyard form is considered preferable, with the audience split into separate seating areas, each with walls behind to provide early reflections.

An Arup spokesman rejected criticism that the acoustic was bass heavy. "Many halls in Britain are quite dead at bass frequencies. Strong bass acoustics are not common this country, but we are quite happy. The cello in Bridgewater Hall sounds fantastic."

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Josie's memories of murders need to be prompted gently

MEDICAL BRIEFING

AN INJURY severe enough to produce unconsciousness normally results in amnesia about the events immediately before the injury.

Josie Russell, the survivor of the fatal attack in Kent on her mother, sister and dog, is unusual in that tests carried out during her gentle questioning by the police have demonstrated that her memory is good.

Josie's reaction to pictures of her early life clearly indicates that her long-term memory is unaffected. The police think that her recollection of the murder is also intact.

The damage to Josie's brain must have centred on the part of the brain that deals with speech. This is very circumscribed, so that the ability to talk can be lost after brain damage but all other intellectual functions remain in working order.

The approach adopted by the police to Josie is arguably not only the best for her future medical condition but also the one that is most likely to garner the necessary evidence against the murderer. Dr Mark Berelowitz, a consultant child psychologist at the Royal Free Hospital in northwest London, who is a specialist in treating children who have been physically and emotionally traumatised, said that incomplete memory of an event was always puzzling and therefore distressing to children. Debriefing in an attempt to help their recall could produce immediate signs of anxiety, or the symptoms could be delayed and rather less obvious, such as poor sleep or unaccustomed dependency on those around them.

Constant vigilance needs to be exercised to see that a child is not upset by questioning. The timing of debriefing is all-important. In adult psychiatry, it has been found that attempting to achieve an immediate recall of the events of a disaster is not the panacea it was once thought to be, and can even prove counterproductive to the long-term recovery of those involved.

Research with rescue workers showed those who had immediate, overenthusiastic debriefing after a disaster sometimes fared rather worse than those who were allowed to leave their memories buried in the subconscious for a time.

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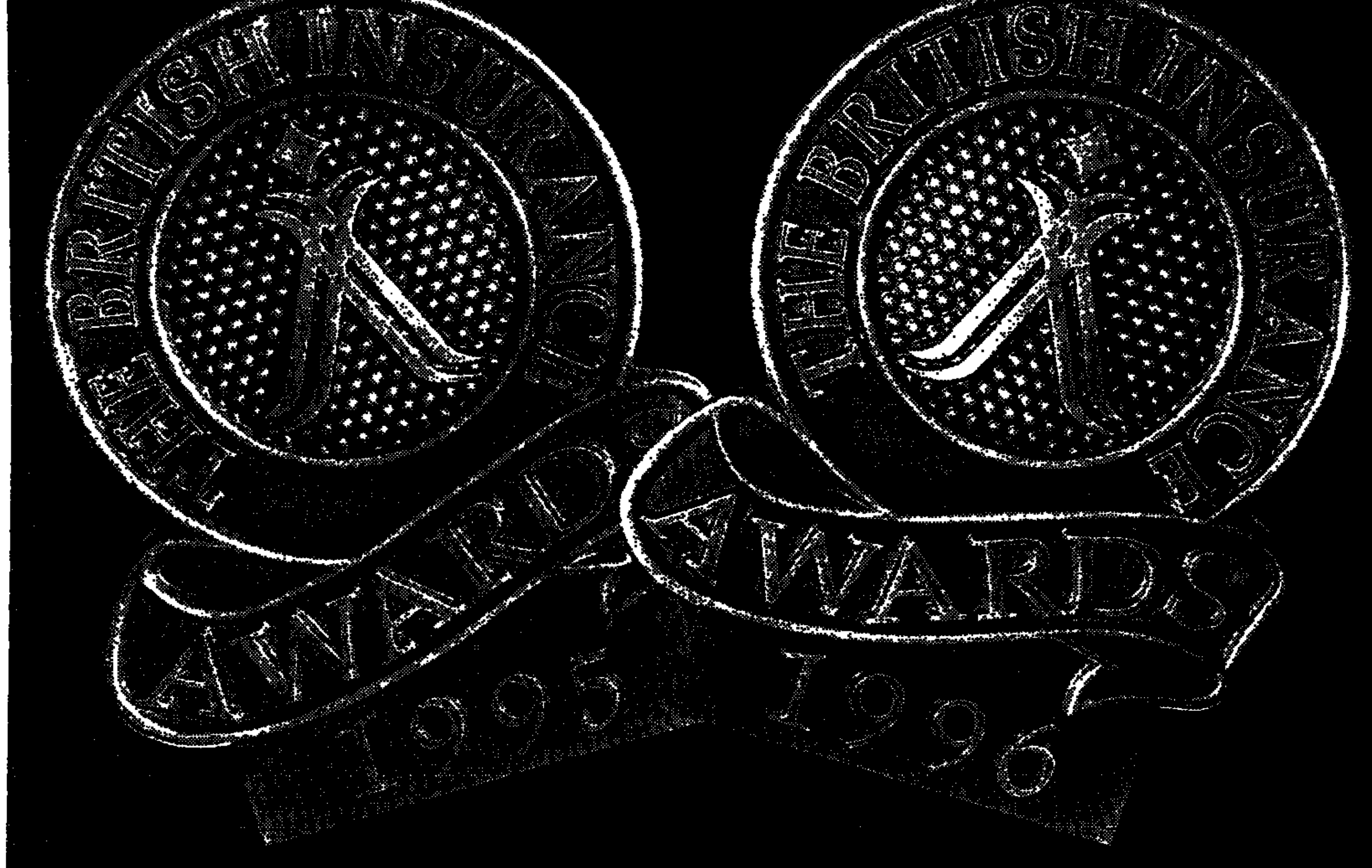

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Russian archives reveal private world of couple who pledged to be together for eternity

Letters and tragic diary recall love of last Tsar

By Michael Binyon, Diplomatic Editor

THE private world of Russia's last Tsar and Tsaritsa was revealed in detail for the first time yesterday, with the publication of a book drawn from their collected diaries and international royal correspondence.

A Lifelong Passion is likely to fuel the revival of monarchical sentiment for Nicholas II. He is now acquiring the aura of a saint in his homeland, as it awaits the much-delayed reburial of his remains and those of his wife, Alexandra, and their family.

His last diary entry, on July 13, 1918, three days before the family's murder by Bolshevik guards, shows his concern for his ailing son: "Alexei took his first bath since Tobolsk: his knee is getting better, but he still cannot straighten it completely. The weather is warm and pleasant. We have absolutely no news from the outside."

Almost 80 years after guards led by Yurovsky burst into the prison cellar at Yekaterinburg, the diary entries and correspondence with the other crowned heads have been brought together by the historians Andrei Maylunas and Sergei Mironenko. Much of it had been kept inaccessible under Communist rule in the Russian State Archive in Moscow, where Mironenko is the current director.

The book covers almost 40 years of a family that included Queen Victoria, Kaiser Wilhelm, George V and the Kings of Denmark and Greece. Nicholas and Alexandra wrote to each other in English, but the polyglot family also wrote in Russian, French, German and Danish.

In 1894, the year of Alexandra's marriage to the Tsar, she wrote in Nicholas's diary: "No more separations. At last united, bound for life, and when this life is ended we meet again in the other world to remain together for all eternity. Yours, yours."

Queen Victoria, who doted on Alexandra, her granddaughter, is one of the warmest correspondents. Writing to "Nicky" from Windsor Castle on November 10, 1894, she said: "I was so deeply touched by your dear kind letter and by all your telegrams." Sympathising with the "terrible trying and harrowing scenes" and "last fearful ordeal" of the funeral of Tsar Alexander III, she adds: "I need say nothing about your being a good husband to my darling Alix. I know how safe she is with you and how you will watch over her!"

Family life always came first for Nicholas. Thanking his "own precious darling" for a book, *The Iron Pirate*, that she had given him, he said it was the first he had read since his engagement, "but instead I know all your (79) dear letters by heart — after that, what do I care for the rest?"

Russians have long regarded a catastrophe on the day of the coronation as an omen of the doom that was to befall the family: at least 1,300 people were crushed to death on the Khodinka fields as peasants stampeded to see the new Tsar. He went on to a ball. His uncle, Grand Duke Konstantin, said that Nicholas refused to leave as this would appear "sentimental".

Another of Victoria's grandchildren, Kaiser Wilhelm II, wrote: "Dearest Nicky, God bless you and protect you and dear Alix and give you happiness in your new married life." Twenty years later, their nations were on opposite sides in a war that cost both their thrones.

As the war went badly, the end came and Rasputin was murdered. Nicholas was still writing to "My beloved Wify" and signing off "Ever your own Huzy". The diary entries during exile in Siberia are terser, detailing the gradual loss of friends, servants, privileges and possessions. They noted what they ate, how the children were faring and the weather. There was little else they could do. On July 11, 1918, Nicholas noted that "three workmen came up to the open window, lifted up a heavy grill and fixed it to the outside of the frame — without any warning from Yurovsky. We like this man less and less!"

Alexandra noted on July 16: "Every morning the Komendant comes to our rooms, at last after a week brought eggs again for Baby. Played bezique with Nicky. 10½ to bed. 15 degrees." It was the last thing she ever wrote.

Nicholas and Alexandra: he wrote that "I know all your dear letters by heart". She wrote: "When this life is ended, we meet again"

Victoria: doted on her granddaughter, "Alix"

Death was no barrier to the bureaucrats of ancient China

By Dalya Alberge
Arts Correspondent

FOR the ancient Chinese, even death could not cut through red tape. Pen-pushing bureaucrats never died; they just continued their activities in the afterlife, scholars have discovered.

The ancient Chinese believed that all the great officials who had died were working together in the underworld. Writing implements and inventories buried in tombs of the late 5th to 2nd centuries BC provided all the stationery and manuals a bureaucrat might need.

Some of those inventories and implements, including examples from 167 BC, will be featured in the British Museum's exhibition, *The Mysteries of Ancient China*, which opens today. The show has been made possible with sponsorship from *The Times*. "The idea of a 'hell' composed of bureaucrats is wonderful," said Jessica Rawson, Warden of Merton College, Oxford, the show's academic adviser and one of the leading scholars of Oriental art.

These findings illustrate the extent of the ancient Chinese belief in the afterlife. The purpose of tomb-inventories had previously been undervalued, although the ancient Chinese had always used written texts to communicate with the spirits.

Until now, Dr Rawson explained, scholars had seen them as "more old texts that had survived. They hadn't asked themselves why they were there. The archaeologists looked at the brushes and ink, and the classical scholars looked at the text. It is only if you put them together that you realise their significance." Among those involved in this study has been Donald Harper, a textual scholar at the University of Arizona, who pointed to a vital piece of evidence in a 3rd-century tomb in northwestern China. An account on bamboo slips describes how an unfinished legal case initiated in the world of the living in 297 BC was passed on to the world of the dead, to a figure known to have lived in the 480s BC.

Texts include a manual of ceremonial etiquette, an account to the inspector at the underworld gate and a summary of law cases to guide the judging of other cases.

The exhibits are among 200 spectacular treasures in jade, bronze and gold that are being displayed at the British Museum until January 5, 1997.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Scot loses claim of racial bias

A Scottish police inspector lost his claim that racial prejudice barred him from promotion. Tom Weir, 41, told an industrial tribunal that a British Transport Police superior referred to Scots "climbing back over Hadrian's Wall" and stereotyped him with a warning not to get drunk during lunch.

Police pay up

Mark Brooks, 21, has been awarded £4,500 at Bolton Crown Court for assault and wrongful arrest after he was savaged by a Greater Manchester Police dog then told by officers that it had bitten an Aids patient.

Brewer fined

Carlsberg-Tetley has been fined £10,000 under the Safety of Food Act after an elderly man from north London choked on a piece of broken widget. The firm said beer cans were recalled and modified after the incident in May.

Ice not so nice

Dirty ice cubes could be why some drinkers feel ill the morning after. Ice samples from 24 pubs in Neath and Port Talbot were found by health inspectors to be contaminated. Poor hygiene by bar staff was to blame.

Driver, 71, quits

Ray Evans, a 71-year-old Stagecoach bus driver from Gloucester, has resigned after colleagues threatened to strike over claims that the firm had agreed not to employ anyone over 65. It also employs a driver aged 68.

Car thief killed

A young thief was killed when he crashed a car that he had stolen from a member of a crime prevention team. Matthew Crouch, 16, of Cardiff, died instantly in an 80mph crash after being followed by police.

Painful reminder

A Birmingham woman and her family are terrified of entering their sitting room, where a scorpion is at large despite a four-hour search by firemen. Gwen Jamieson, 47, unwittingly carried it home from Tunisia in a vase.

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Euro-sceptic Tory rebels form party within a party

By James Landale, Political Reporter

THE Tory Euro-sceptic MPs who became known as the "Whipless Eight" after being cast out of the party for dissent over Europe are to organise themselves into a formal campaign group.

They will be called Conservatives Against a Federal Europe, Cafe for short, and will launch the organisation at the Tory party conference in Bournemouth next month.

In effect the group will become a party within a party, providing fresh discomfort for John Major, who already faces the prospect of an upsurge in Euro-sceptic dissent at the conference. Several Euro-sceptic groups are planning to hold fringe meetings attacking the Government's European policy.

Although the MPs — Sir Teddy Taylor, Teresa Gorman, Sir Richard Body, Tony Marlow, Richard Shepherd, John Wilkinson, Christopher Gill and Nicholas Budgen — meet regularly and occasionally put out joint statements, they have never formally united in a group.

The MPs, most of whom lost the whip in November 1994 after voting against the Government's plans to increase Britain's contributions to the EU budget, rejoined the party in April last year. They also include Sir Richard, who resigned the whip voluntarily, but Michael Carttiss, one of the original eight rebels, has recently distanced himself from the group.

They have come under increasing pressure from supporters both in Parliament and the constituencies to form a group that can provide a focus for their anti-European campaign. Euro-sceptics from inside and outside the party will be able to join the group, which will campaign for a referendum on Britain's membership of the EU.

The new group also marks an attempt by the MPs to distance themselves from other Euro-sceptics in the party, especially John Redwood, the former Cabinet minister and party leadership challenger. Cafe will give a much higher profile to the eight MPs, who have been overshadowed over the past year as the Tory party has shifted to the right. As one of the MPs said: "We are all Euro-sceptic these days."

The eight MPs were yesterday uncharacteristically reticent and would not talk on the record about the group until their plans are completed at a meeting on Monday.

However, one said: "If one goes to Conservative Associations to speak, there is no doubt that there is a unanimous feeling that we don't want a federal Europe. I think therefore that there is a need that those who are of this persuasion should organise together to make sure that those at the top of the Conservative Party and in Cabinet understand Conservative grassroots opinion and respond."

Another MP said: "We have had so many approaches from party members and the public. The feeling was that we should try to have some form of organisation." He said that the group was necessary to counter the overoptimistic assessment by other parts of the Tory Right that Euro-scepticism was winning the intellectual argument over Europe.

"We really feel that the new Euro-sceptic Right are giving the wrong impression that something can be done without a referendum," he said. "They are saying that Parliament and the Conservative Government can do something about it, but they are wrong."

Cafe society: seven of the eight MPs, front, Sir Richard Body, Teresa Gorman, Nicholas Budgen and Christopher Gill; middle, Sir Teddy Taylor, Michael Carttiss (who has not joined) and Richard Shephard: back, Tony Marlow

Rightwingers defend the pound

By Philip Webster
Political Editor

SENIOR Tory MPs have launched a fresh campaign to pressurise the Cabinet into ruling out a single currency for the lifetime of the next Parliament.

Tory parliamentary candidates will be asked if they will pledge themselves against scrapping the pound in a survey conducted by Sir George Gardiner, former chairman of the right-wing 92 Group, and John Townend, chairman of the Tory finance committee and a member of the 1922 Committee executive.

John Major will see the move as another attempt to upset the carefully crafted Cabinet compromise under which the Tory manifesto will leave open the possibility of joining a single currency, but only after a referendum.

But Sir George said yesterday: "It would give us an immense electoral bonus if it were clear that a majority of Tory candidates opposed joining. Given feeling in the party, it is already fanciful to imagine a Tory Cabinet agreeing to scrap the pound. If a majority of Tory candidates were against, it would be utterly inconceivable."

Individual replies will be confidential but the overall results will be published, possibly around the time of next month's party conference.

Breakaway Labour group to take over Hackney council

By Ian Murray, Community Correspondent

LABOUR rebels are preparing to seize control of Hackney council in east London after being expelled from the party for forming their own group.

The 17 rebels had their first success yesterday when a special meeting rejected an official group resolution and accepted their motion calling for an independent inquiry into alleged sex abuse by Mark Trotter, a childcare officer who died last year from an Aids-related disease. There were cheers and shouts of "climbdown" from the new group when the old Labour members did a U-turn and backed the main motion.

At a meeting next Thursday the rebels, with Liberal Democrat and Tory support, are to vote through changes to the council's standing orders that will enable them to oust the leader, John MacCafferty, who has the backing of Labour's national executive.

The breakaway group, Hackney New Labour, also intends to prevent officially approved Labour councillors being chosen to chair committees. It will vote instead for its own group or members of the other two parties. A vote to change the council's leader will follow next month.

Merel Ece, the former deputy leader, said last night: "We are no longer prepared to be pushed round by Walworth Road. Since expelling us from the party on Wednesday, Labour party officials have been going behind the scenes threatening us and ordering us to resign from council committees. They have no right to do that, especially as we are no longer members of their party.

"They are trying to take away our legal rights as elected councillors. It is totally undemocratic and the result of the mess they have got themselves into by interfering in the affairs of Hackney."

The council's chief executive, Tony Elliston, is now choosing someone to hold the independent inquiry into Mark Trotter and his activities in Hackney, including all aspects of his recruitment.

Trotter was a Labour Party activist in Hackney and an agent for the Wick ward at the 1983 general election and council elections. When he died he was on the point of being arrested for questioning by Merseyside police about five cases of child abuse in Liverpool, where he worked in the early Eighties.

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Scientologists win approval for first TV adverts

By Carol Midgley

THE Church of Scientology is to begin a televison advertising campaign in this country next week for the first time after winning approval for a commercial to be shown on British television.

Uisdean Maclean, director of the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre, confirmed that the commercial had been approved in July. In April the Independent Television Commission lifted a ban on the advertising by the group. The move has been criticised by people who monitor the activities of such groups.

The 60-second advertisement, produced at the group's studios in America at a cost of £70,000, features people from different cultures saying the word "trust". It ends: "On the day we can fully trust each other there will be peace on Earth", and features a telephone number for further information.

The advertisement will run for a month on the satellite channels UK Gold and UK Living and, if successful, could move to ITV and Channel 4. Religious groups are prohibited by the commission from advertising if their meetings are not open to the public; the group had successfully argued that this was not the case.

The Cult Information Centre expressed deep concern about the advertising campaign. Ian Howarth, the general secretary, said: "I am very concerned for the welfare of anybody who might finish up being interested in going to a Scientology meeting after seeing these advertisements. It is a group about which we are deeply concerned, and always have been, and it is most unfortunate that they have been allowed to go on television. I think the ITC has been most unwise and rather naive in its decision."

The advertisement had to be approved by the Broadcast Advertising Clearance Centre before being screened. The commission would take action only if a complaint was made after broadcast. In April the commission said it had decided to lift the ban after considering new evidence from an academic source submitted by the Church of Scientology over whether the group held meetings open to the public. At the time, the group said it was pleased that a "discriminatory" ban had been lifted.

Rachael Ryerson, spokeswoman for the Church of Scientology, which denies allegations that it operates as a cult, said yesterday: "It is more of a message than an advertisement. It will get across the values that we stand for and enable people to find out more about us. It is an opportunity to get the message out and let people know we exist. If people don't agree with what we do then there is nothing to get upset about."

PHIL NOBLE

Doris Pearson in her Vauxhall Princeton tourer yesterday: worth £60,000 to a collector, but she refuses to sell

Wartime bride keeps her classic act alive

By Tim Jones

DORIS PEARSON is still using the green open-top tourer she first drove more than 50 years ago. Although she has been offered £60,000, she is adamant she will never sell.

The Vauxhall Princeton tourer was already 16 years old when, as a wartime bride, Mrs Pearson was first driven in it by her husband. It has been in the family for 69 years. Her husband, William, a marine engineer who died in 1963, paid £495 for it new in 1927, when the average weekly wage for a labourer was £3.

Yesterday, Mrs Pearson, 87, of Delamere, near Northwich, Cheshire, said: "I love my tourer and could not bear to be without it. It has fond memories. It is known as the Pearson Vauxhall and is still in its original condition."

The 2.3 litre car, with canvas hood and bulb horn, has covered only 62,900 miles and has never needed a major repair. Mrs Pearson drives another car every day and takes the tourer out only occasionally.

Cult draws praise and damnation

By Ruth Gledhill and Carol Midgley

THE Church of Scientology has 100,000 members in Britain who often visit its headquarters at East Grinstead, West Sussex. Founded in 1954 by the American science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, it has eight million members around the world.

Hubbard, who died in 1986, claimed to have discovered "Dianetics", promoted as a modern science of mental health. He left more than 500,000 pages of writings and nearly 3,000 tape-recorded lectures.

To his followers, Hubbard was a great writer, artist, philosopher and scientist. Others claimed he was a charlatan, a liar and mentally ill.

In the past, the group has been accused of high-pressure sales techniques and imposing a strict discipline held responsible by the group's detractors for mental breakdowns and suicides. Worried parents attempting to extract their children from membership have used anti-cult groups and kidnappers against the group. The group has also been criticised for the cost of courses that adherents follow.

However, the group, which is particularly concerned to help drug addicts, alcoholics and those with family difficulties, claims it has been a victim of campaigns here and in America. In recent years, with the adherence of some celebrities, its image has improved.

Scientology, which is recognised as a religion in Britain, claims to bring about spiritual improvement through Dianetics. It is argued that man can develop his full potential only by clearing himself of his "reactive" mind, the early painful experiences that cloud his judgment. To the outsider, some of Scientology's concepts seem to have more in common with Hubbard's world of science fiction than with science.

In 1968, Scientologists were banned from coming to Britain after it was claimed that the group posed " a serious danger to health". An inquiry later recommended that the ban be lifted, but this was not done until 1979.

Hubbard: founded the Church of Scientology

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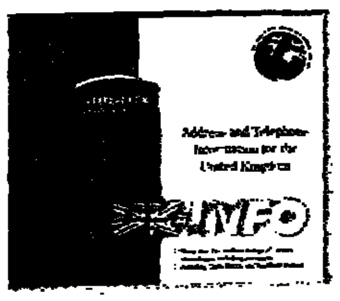

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Girls outperform boys at A level for the first time

By John O'Leary, Education Editor

GIRLS in independent schools have broken one of the last educational barriers by overtaking boys at A level.

Previously the examination battle of the sexes has been won by girls at GCSE, with boys turning the tables at A level. But the first gender analysis of the independent sector's results, published yesterday, shows that male dominance in the sixth form has evaporated.

Although boys scored marginally more points than girls this year on the university entrance scale, this was only because they took more A levels. Judged on the average grade for each paper, the girls scored 6.97 (midway between a B and a C) and the boys 6.83.

At GCSE, the gap was much wider, with 47 per cent of girls' entries awarded A or starred-A grades, compared with 40 per cent of boys. The girls' lead reflects that in recent national studies.

Margaret Rudland, the president of the Girls' Schools Association, said that girls' A-level results had been improving for some time. "It is hard to know why this is happening now, but girls obviously feel that all opportunities are open to them and they have to work pretty hard to get the best university places. That applies to both sexes."

Professor Alan Smithers, the head of policy research at Brunel University, who carried out a study of independent school results last year, said that the results showed girls were continuing to improve at A level, although boys still secured the lion's share of top grades.

"As at degree level, boys tend to appear at the top and the bottom of the scale, while girls dominate the middle grades," Professor Smithers said.

He added that this year's results, published by the Independent Schools Information Service, confirmed the findings of his own study, which showed that pupils of high ability would flourish whether in mixed or single-sex schools. Girls in many of the top mixed schools outperformed the boys both at GCSE and A level.

Separate listings for boys and girls would have altered the placings in last month's examination league tables. Westminster School's girls would have overtaken St Paul's School, in west London, to top the A-level table.

Recent examination results for all pupils in state and independent schools and colleges have shown girls closing the gap at A level. This summer's results will not be broken down by gender until the new year.

A study by Ofsted, the school inspection agency, showed that girls' schools achieved better examination results than mixed schools in the state sector, but the results were skewed by the high proportion of single-sex grammar schools.

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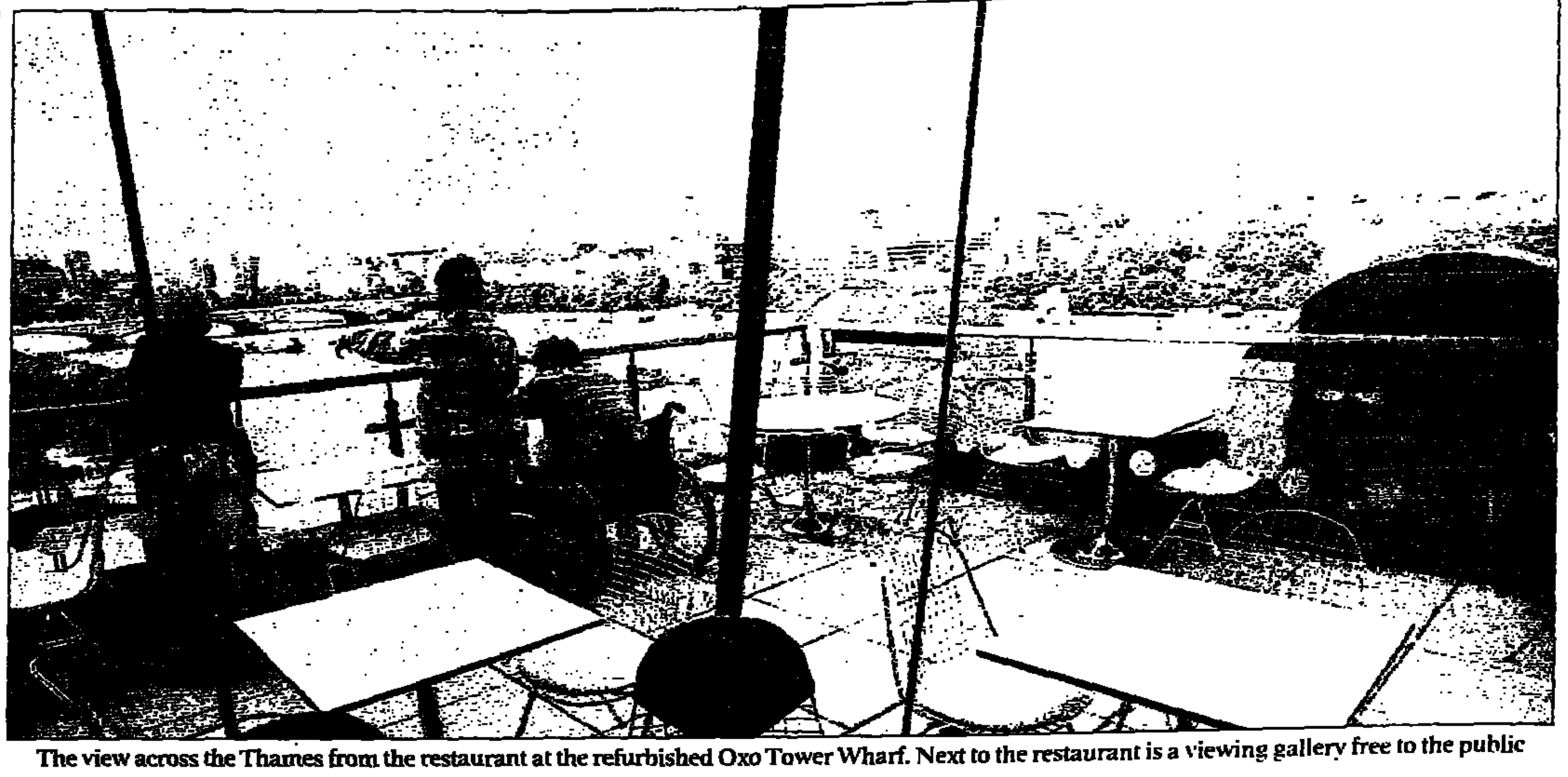
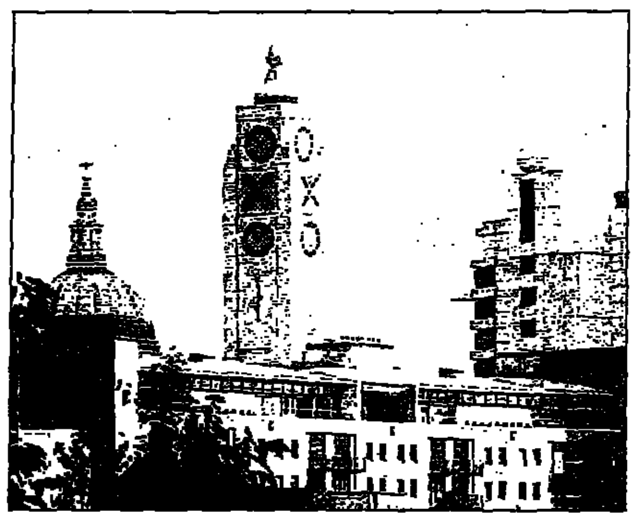
Heads back Lib Dems

The Liberal Democrats beat both the main parties in a poll of head teachers published today in *The Times Educational Supplement*. The survey of more than 1,200 schools shows that 61 per cent of heads think the Liberal Democrats have the best education policies. Only 30 per cent favour Labour and 8 per cent the Tories. Almost 90 per cent back the Liberal Democrat policy to raise taxes specifically for education. However, 80 per cent back the Government's idea of a national teacher-training curriculum.



The view across the Thames from the restaurant at the refurbished Oxo Tower Wharf. Next to the restaurant is a viewing gallery free to the public



Restored: windows that dodged no-advertising rules

£20m Oxo Tower reopens

By Robin Young

LONDON gained a superb new vantage point overlooking the Thames yesterday with the opening of the Oxo Tower Wharf after a £20 million refurbishment.

The former Stamford Wharf has been renamed in honour of the Oxo Tower, a London landmark at Blackfriars familiar since 1930, when its art-deco windows spelling the name Oxo was designed as a way of getting around London County Council's restrictions on advertising. Though denied listed building status in 1993, the tower has been carefully preserved in every detail and its stonework cleaned and polished to pristine splendour.

A viewing gallery is open to the public on the eighth floor, with access between the pricey restaurant and slightly less expensive brasserie run by Harvey Nichols, which also opened to the public for the first time yesterday.

Maria Dummett, a pensioner, had made the trip from Wimbledon when she heard on the radio that the tower would be opened yesterday. "I remember the Oxo Tower from years ago," she said. "I think what they have done is wonderful."

What they have done in fact is a housing project conceived by Coin Street Community Builders, a coalition of community groups which fought from 1974 to prevent the area from being used for offices and a hotel.

The coalition was sold the site as a parting gesture by the Greater London Council. The lower storeys of Oxo Tower Wharf are given over to workshops and five storeys of community housing.

Why pre-packed food costs more

By Robin Young

SUPERMARKETS charge up to three times as much for pre-packed fruit and vegetables as for similar goods sold loose. For example, loose tomatoes at Safeway were 54p a pound, but £1.53 when pre-packed. At Tesco, carrots were 19p a pound sold loose, but 53p wrapped; in Sainsbury's, Golden Delicious apples were 49p a pound loose and .76p packed.

The supermarkets claim they use the best produce in pre-packs which often offer protection against damaging and contamination from other customers' handling. In some shops price comparisons are complicated because pre-packs are priced by the metric system while loose goods are still sold by the pound.

Announced promotions include:

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Asda: diced turkey thigh £2.40 kg, beef topside/silverside £5.57 for 3.94 kg, pork steaks/joints/escalopes £4.99 for 4.38 kg, Golden Delicious apples 38p a lb.

Budgens: chicken drumsticks £2.26 for 1.1kg, whole trout £4.82 a kg, peeled prawns £2.49 for 200g, skinless haddock cutlets £5.17 a kg, red dessert apples 39p a lb, fine green beans 99p for 227g.

Co-op: premium sausages £1.69 for 800g, smoked streaky bacon £1.09 for 227g, whole duckling £4.99 for 1.8kg, whole chicken £5.49 for 2.4kg, frozen garden peas £1.49 for 1.8kg, Thomson seedless grapes 69p a lb, extra light soft cheese 44p for 200g.

Harrods: Galloni 18-month Parma ham £4.99 for 100g, polenta with sun-dried tomatoes/basil £2.79 each, smoked salmon pillows £2.95 for 100g, kippers £8.49 a box.

Iceland: chicken £3.99 for 3kg, skinless chicken breast fillet £4.99 for 700g, breaded haddock steaks £1.99 for six, whole beans 99p for 907g, strawberry gateau £1.19 for ten portions.

Marks & Spencer: muesli £2.29 a kg, chicken and mushroom pasties 99p for two (330g), crispy aromatic duck £5.99 for 550g, large cauliflower cheese £1.49, Victoria plums £1.49 a kg.

Morrisons: topside/silverside £1.99 a lb, rump/sirloin steak £3.99 a lb, minced beef 99p a lb, cod fillet £1.99 a lb, swede 15p a lb, savoy cabbage 29p each, seedless green grapes 69p a lb.

Safeway: topside/silverside/top rump £4.99 a kg, chicken Kiev £3.19 for four (568g), cooked leg of pork 89p a ¼ lb, corn on the cob 25p each, Royal Gala apples 49p a lb, Rocha pears 49p a lb, wholemeal bread 49p for 800g.

Sainsbury's: £2 a kg off all fresh beef steaks, boneless pork leg £3.49 a kg, chicken breasts £3.95 for four, smoked haddock £5.95 a kg, spinach 75p for 300g, oranges £1.29 for eight, tomatoes 69p for eight, French blue Brie £7.97 a kg.

Somerfield: boneless spare rib chops £4.16 a kg, lean mince £1.95 a lb, meat loaf in gravy £1.45 a lb, parsnips 49p a lb, English plums 69p a lb.

Tesco: boneless rolled shoulder pork £2.52 a kg, minced beef 96p a lb, lamb half shoulder £2.89 a kg, cod fillet £1.95 a lb, Scottish herring 85p a lb, Cornish dairy ice cream £1.44 for 2ltr, 12 mini croissants 89p.

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British Association: uncovering the smouldering female psyche and a bubbling molten reservoir

Women find their true, tough selves

REPORTS BY NIGEL HAWKES AND NICK NUTTALL

WOMEN are not the demure, non-violent creatures that men idealise. Although more inclined to verbal than physical violence, women can be just as aggressive as men.

This verdict on her own sex was delivered by Anne Campbell of Durham University at the British Association meeting yesterday. The true nature of women, long hidden by male-generated myths, was finally beginning to express itself, she said.

Referring to the religious icon, rather than the pop idol, she explained: "The Madonna idealisation of the female as devoid of competition or aggression has forced women to deny their own nature." But that was beginning to change.

Campbell: she attacked male-made myths

Recently the incidence of physical violence by girls appeared to be rising, she said. Crime statistics showed that 17 per cent of those arrested for violent behaviour were girls, compared with 10 per cent a few years ago.

The peak age for violence among girls was between 15 and 19, rather younger than men, because of their earlier sexual maturity, she said. The press had described them as "yobettes", propagating the notion that they were attempting to emulate the behaviour of young men under the influence of Hollywood films which presented women in aggressive roles.

Female violence was often seen by men as evidence of psychiatric disorder, she said. Although women constituted only 4 per cent of the prison population, they represented 20 per cent of those sent to psychiatric institutions and special units. Men were unable to handle female violence and labelled it madness.

The same was shown by the frequency with which women charged with murdering their husbands defended themselves by claiming diminished responsibility rather than provocation or self-defence, Dr Campbell said. "It seems that if women's violence cannot be comprehended within a male institutional framework, then it cannot be understood at all — and thus constitutes evidence of insanity."

Women should congratulate themselves on controlling violence as well as they did. "While often accused of being sneaky or bitchy, we manage to deal with our disputes indirectly, often with far less injury," she said. "If it's a choice between going to casualty having your jaw rewired or somebody saying something nasty behind your back, I know which I would prefer."

The growth of overt violence among young girls could owe something to cultural changes, she admitted. "There may be cultural influences at work such as the aggressive portrayal of females in film and rap music and the emphasis in 'girlie' programmes on television. But we mustn't forget that 90 per cent of violence comes from men."

Women's violence was most likely to be against their children or elderly relatives. There was no evidence of more attacks by women on their partners. Men tended to deny that violence by women was normal, a view that was "congenial to the continuance of male protection and control of women," she said.

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Not like the Virgin: women are turning from the Madonna's passivity to her pop namesake's assertiveness

Lake of hot rock found two miles under the ocean

BRITISH scientists have found a lake of molten rock beneath the floor of the Atlantic Ocean. The magma chamber, 300 miles southwest of Iceland, lies like a ribbon along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and acts as a reservoir from which new rock is created.

Up to 25 miles long, three miles across and 1,200ft deep, the lake lies two miles below the ocean floor. Dr Martin Sinha, of Cambridge University, told the British Association that pools of liquid rock were an unexpected discovery in an ocean where new crust was being made so slowly.

The Mid-Atlantic Ridge has mountains rising two miles high on either side of a valley 25 miles wide. It is where two of the plates that make up the Earth's crust are being created and separating, spreading outwards at about the same rate as a fingernail grows.

The secrets of this extraordinary place, possibly the most geologically active region on Earth, have been unveiled under the British Mid-Ocean Ridge Initiative (Bridge) supported by the Natural Environment Research Council.

The magma chamber, discovered by seismic and electromagnetic surveying, contains sufficient molten rock to generate new crust for 11,000 years. Dr Sinha believes that the magma chambers may form new crust and then go into dormancy for 100,000 years. Meanwhile, other chanbers will have formed along the ridge.

The Bridge project has also thrown light on the strange creatures that live along the ridge, fed by toxic solutions of salts bubbling up from hot springs known as thermal vents. The project has shown that there may be as many as a few hundred such vents along the ridge, emerging and disappearing all the time.

The vents are home to blind shrimps that teem in millions around them, in stark contrast to the desert-like conditions on the rest of the ocean floor. By towing nets at great depths from the research vessel *Darwin*, Dr David Dixon of Plymouth Marine Laboratory has caught shrimp larvae and found that, unlike the adults, they can see. His belief is that the larvae are able to swim off and seek new vents when the one they have been living around ceases to operate.

Even more extraordinary are the giant tubeworms, a metre long and consisting of little more than a bag full of bacteria which live on the chemicals from ocean sediments. In the Pacific they have been found around vents, but not so far in the Atlantic.

But a few years ago, Dr Dixon said, there was a great surprise when some of these worms were discovered living in the hold of a French cargo vessel, the *Francois Vieleux*, which sank 20 years ago in 1,500 metres of water 30 miles off Vigo in Spain.

Because the tubeworms feed on sulphides or hydrocarbons, their presence could be used by oil companies searching for places to drill. Where the tubeworms are, there are likely to be "seeps" of oil from which they suck up nutrients through a tube.

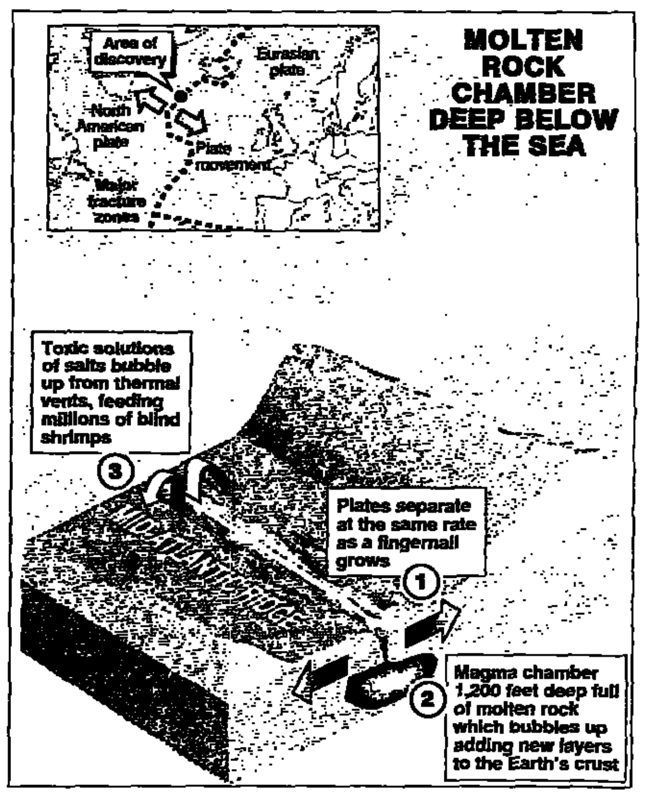

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Plate movement
Major fracture zones
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① Plates separate at the same rate as a fingernail grows
② Magma chamber 1,200 feet deep full of molten rock which bubbles up adding new layers to the Earth's crust

Pace of change is blamed for loss of butterfly species

ABOUT a quarter of Britain's butterflies are "addicted" to man-made habitats which are fast disappearing from the countryside, British researchers said.

James Mallet, of University College London, said that up to 15 rare and declining species, including the silver-spotted skipper and the silver-studded blue, had become genetically adapted to habitats such as coppiced woodland and grazed chalk grasslands. Such ancient farming methods, dating back 5,000 years, had disappeared within a matter of decades.

The rate of change had been too quick for the insects to adapt. Dr Mallet said: "Of the 56 species of British butterflies, between 10 and 15 are now known to be addicted to human-created habitats. This is all right if you maintain these landscapes."

In areas such as the South Downs in Sussex, where grazing once kept the grass under an inch high, sheep farming has declined because it is no longer economic. Grass on the Downs stands around 4in high and many colonies of silver-spotted skippers have become extinct. Surviving colonies are so small that they are at risk of inbreeding.

Tests on downland colonies of the species showed that a loss of "genetic diversity" had already begun, Dr Mallet said. If the genetic pool of such rare species became even more reduced, they were at risk of producing smaller offspring less able to survive.

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The silver-spotted skipper is declining

Dr Mallet said that he had detected similar damage among the remaining pockets of silver-studded blues in North Wales. Many rare fritillaries, such as the high-brown fritillary, were declining because of the loss of coppiced woodland with clearings.

The damage contrasts sharply with commoner species whose fortunes are more linked to weather than habitat. Many have been increasing in numbers after mild winters and dry years.

But Dr Mallet said that this could not offset the loss of rare species: "I grew up running around chalk downlands chasing butterflies. I would like them to be there still."

Call for higher drink prices and shorter opening hours

DRINKING has no safe level and should be curbed by limited opening hours and higher prices, a World Health Organisation expert claimed yesterday.

In a debate on alcohol, Dr Peter Anderson of the organisation's European office, was immediately contradicted by Peter Mitchell, strategic affairs director of Guinness, who said that more than 100 studies around the world had shown clear health benefits from moderate drinking.

Dr Anderson said that the effects of drinking were diffuse and costly and were not confined to a minority of easily identified heavy drinkers. He accepted that alcohol had some benefit in reducing the risk of heart attacks, but this was limited to men over 50 and the benefit could be obtained by as little as one drink every other day.

"Beyond one drink a day there is no further benefit," he said. In populations where heart disease was not a major cause of death, even this benefit counted for little.

Dr Anderson called for tougher legislation. Education on its own did not work, he said, given the heavy promotion for alcoholic drinks. It needed to be backed by the enforcement of minimum drinking ages and drink-driving curbs, including random breath testing; limits on drinking hours; and higher prices.

Concentrating on problem drinkers would not be enough. The evidence was that the drinking population "behaved as a collectivity" so it was necessary to try to shift the whole population towards lower levels to have any influence on the extreme.

In the debate organised by the Ciba Foundation, Mr Mitchell said that Dr Anderson's argument flew in the face of common sense and was a minority view. The evidence was that three to three and a half drinks a day protected against heart attacks. "Of course misuse of alcohol exists, as it always has," he said. "But 95 per cent of the population drinks sensibly and Britain is not a heavy drinking country, ranking only fourteenth among developed nations."

On average, Britons drank 40 per cent less than their great-grandparents. Department of Health recommendations showed that benefits spread much more widely than middle-aged men. Data from America and Sweden indicated that drinking protected much younger men.

"Education does work," he said, "as we can see from the significant reduction in deaths from alcohol-related road accidents."

Low-fat diet 'could make you suicidal'

BY JEREMY LAURANCE

A LOW-FAT diet may drive people to suicide, scientists claim today. Reducing cholesterol, which is recommended to prevent heart disease, may increase the risk of depression, according to two studies published in the *British Medical Journal*.

The studies are the latest in a series that have appeared over the past two years suggesting that low cholesterol levels may be good for the heart but bad for the psyche. However, other experts writing in the same issue of the journal say that the latter suggestion is unproven.

In the first study, more than 6,000 men in their forties and early fifties had their cholesterol measured and were followed for 17 years. It was found that 32 had committed suicide. The risk of suicide for those with low cholesterol was more than three times that of others after taking account of other differences, according to researchers at the National Institute of Health and Medical Research in Paris. An accompanying editorial by S. Lori Brown, senior scientist at the Centre for Devices and Radiological Health in the United States, says that those who committed suicide may have been iller to begin with. "Men who are ill may be depressed and this may have influenced their appetite and hence cholesterol levels."

In a second study, by researchers from Vienna, 20 pregnant women had their cholesterol measured before and after birth, because of the known sudden fall in the levels after delivery. The results showed that those with the sharpest fall in cholesterol were most depressed.

A second commentary, by Malcolm Law, of the Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine in London, says that 13 trials of cholesterol-lowering drugs had shown no increase in depression among those taking them. The debate about a possible link between cholesterol and suicide had been overwhelmed by "irrelevant" evidence.

Professor warns mothers against water-birth 'fad'

BY SHIRLEY ENGLISH

PREGNANT women who chose a water birth were engaging in an unnatural practice that may put their child at risk, a professor of obstetrics said. It was a "fad that would hopefully die out in five years", said James Walker of St James's University Hospital, Leeds, who denied claims that it was natural.

The practice had no anthropological or historical parallel, he said. Only three mammals delivered underwater — the dolphin, the whale and the giant hippopotamus — but no primates and no primitive people had ever used the water birth method.

Professor Walker, speaking at a fringe meeting at the European Congress of Perinatal Medicine in Glasgow, said doctors still did not know the overall risks or specific problems that water births could pose. He felt that mothers needed to be made fully aware of the potential risks to their unborn children.

His arguments were challenged by Konrad Selke, an obstetrician and neonatologist at Binzenz Pollotti hospital in Bensberg, Germany. He claimed that water birth was "as safe as any other birth" and dramatically reduced the need for pain killers during labour.

But Professor Walker said: "Unlike other methods of natural childbirth, including birthing stool, squatting and delivery on all fours, there is no anthropological or historical data to support water births. I am concerned that water birth is being presented to women without any evidence to support it. They are told it is safe and natural and there is no data to prove this."

There have been about 20,000 water births worldwide. A small number of babies are known to have died from drowning. Other risks include deprivation of oxygen, infection for baby and staff from contact with water containing blood and faeces, and the difficulties in getting the mother out of the birthing pool if there were complications.

"Babies are not dolphins," Professor Walker said. "People argue that it is a wondrous experience, but all births are wondrous. It could be safe if it all went well, but there are no benefits to the baby. It is an eternal gratification thing. We don't know whether it is safe."

Dr Selke, who works at a renowned centre for water births in Germany, said many arguments against water births were based on ignorance. Of the 2,000 water births which had taken place at the centre since 1982, no baby had died.

He claimed that babies had an instinctive "diving reflex" which lasted until they were about four months old. As soon as water touched the skin around the mouth and nose, they held their breath.

The 500-strong audience voted by a majority against water births until further research was carried out.

Rise in gambling addicts 'may fuel crime'

BY RICHARD FORD
HOME CORRESPONDENT

MORE than 1.5 million Britons could be addicted to gambling, with it causing serious problems for almost half a million, according to a government report published yesterday.

Its authors warned Home Office ministers that plans to relax gaming regulations would fuel a rise in crime by people desperate to fund their habit. It adds that cutting the red tape should be accompanied by measures to treat addiction. "Research in several countries shows that an increase in the availability of legalised gambling services is inevitably associated with an increase in the prevalence of problem gambling," the report said. "Studies from a variety of countries also show that the increased accessibility of gambling has led to an increase in crime, including organised crime within casinos and crime resorted to by problem gamblers to fund their habit."

Gamblers' Anonymous sessions in Britain and America were committing crimes at a high level. Fraud, embezzlement, forgery and theft were particularly associated with crime linked to gambling.

The Government is proposing to allow casinos to be set up in 13 towns and to relax the ban on advertising. But the report says that any move to allow casinos to operate outside areas with large populations should be approached with caution. It said that evidence from America showed that portionately higher levels of problem gambling as a result of allowing casinos into their locality.

It also said that young men were particularly vulnerable to becoming addicted to gambling. Problem gambling was three times more prevalent among males than females and pathological gambling five times more prevalent.

A spokesman for Gamblers' Anonymous said: "The figures in this report must be about right because we believe that for every addict who seeks

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Germany turns heat on rich tax-evaders as austerity plan suffers blow

By Roger Boyes

GERMANY'S upper house of parliament yesterday threw out key parts of the Government's austerity package, but Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor, said he was confident that he would be able to override the veto.

The Bundesrat, dominated by the opposition Social Democrats, objected to plans to cut sick pay and reduce worker protection from dismissal, as well as to other pension and health-system reforms. "The country needs social reform, not a dismantling of society and a scrapping of workers' rights," Oskar Lafontaine, the Social Democrat leader, told the chamber. "Not a single new job would be created by the changes."

The parliamentary arithmetic, however, favours the Government. If it secures a "Chancellor majority" — amounting to 50 per cent of the deputies plus one — it can overturn a Bundesrat veto. The upper chamber represents the 16 provincial states and is a less powerful body than Bundestag, the lower house.

The savings package is being debated in parallel to the 1997 budget. Together they form part of a German strategy to cut welfare spending by about £20 billion and generate hundreds of thousands of new jobs. Opinion polls, critical comments from the churches and mass trade union demonstrations suggest that the mood of the country may well be swinging behind the Social Democrats rather than the Government.

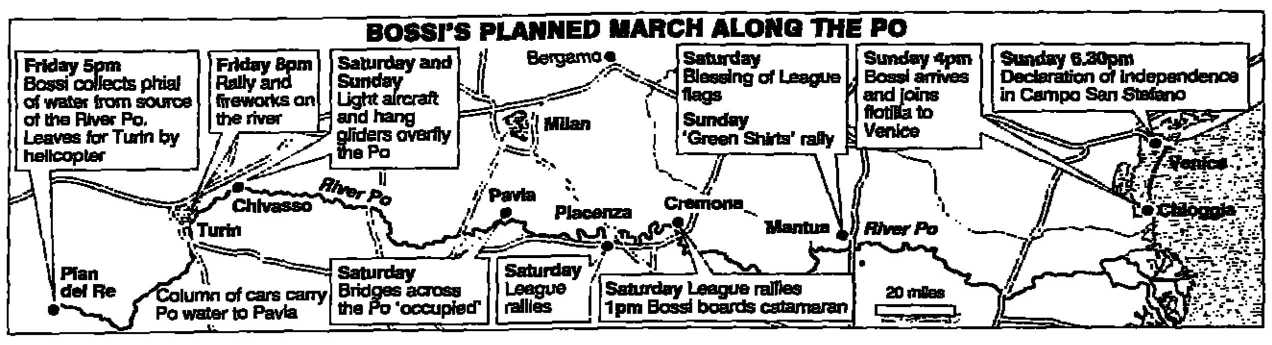
Partly to counter this trend, the Government has launched a crackdown on celebrity tax-dodgers. This is supposed to show that the Government wants to balance its calls for tighter belts and public sacrifice with a get-tough policy on the rich.

The latest victim is Willi Weber, manager of the Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher, and the supermodel Claudia Schiffer, who has been fined £100,000 for not declaring the profits from the sale of a Ferrari six years ago. The most prominent victim is Peter Graf, father of Steffi Graf, the top woman tennis player. He has been in jail for 13 months under investigative arrest for tax evasion. The trial of both he and his financial adviser, Joachim Eckardt, began last week, and although £8 million of outstanding taxes has been deposited by Steffi Graf, they remain in prison.

The loudest victim is Margarethe Schreinemachers, a television talk-show hostess. She lives in and commutes from Belgium to reduce her German income-tax liability. The television star claims her problems began when she interviewed the first wife of Theo Waigel, the Finance Minister. Their marriage was in trouble. Herr Waigel was in love with Irene Epple, a ski star, and Frau Schreinemachers gave the crisis unwelcome publicity. Herr Waigel, now married to the ski star, says there is nothing personal involved.

The tax authorities say they are investigating 17,000 cases. Taxmen have raided leading banks and have accused bankers of helping clients to transfer sums abroad out of reach of the Inland Revenue.

Germany's rich and famous have been discovering the charms of Austria: Franz Beckenbauer, the football manager, Anne-Sophie Mutter, the violinist, and 400 other German millionaires have bought houses in the Tyrol. Naturally they pay tax there, but they avoid Germany's top rate of 53 per cent and the additional "solidarity tax" which raises revenue to rebuild east Germany.


BOSSI'S PLANNED MARCH ALONG THE PO
Friday 5pm Bossi collects phial of water from source of the River Po. Leaves for Turin by helicopter
Friday 8pm Rally and fireworks on the river
Saturday and Sunday Light aircraft and hang gliders overfly the Po
Bergamo
Milan
Saturday Blessing of League flags
Sunday 'Green Shirts' rally
Sunday 4pm Bossi arrives and joins flotilla to Venice
Sunday 6.30pm Declaration of independence in Campo San Stefano
Venice
Chioggia
River Po
Chivasso
Turin
Pavia
Piacenza
Cremona
Mantua
River Po
Pian del Re
Column of cars carry Po water to Pavia
Saturday Bridges across the Po 'occupied'
Saturday League rallies
Saturday League rallies 1pm Bossi boards catamaran
20 miles

Bossi mobilising his independence 'army'

From Richard Owen in Rome

IN THE somnolent towns and villages along the Po, stirring slogans have appeared on the walls of cafés where the men play cards while the broad river flows past the poplar trees.

"Wake up: Bossi is coming," says one. "Long live Padania," says another. "Well," said one bar owner, "at least it will be a show. We are fed up with being ignored by Rome."

The Northern League's "Independence march along the Po" from Turin to Venice, which begins this evening, involves a flotilla of boats, hot-air balloons, fireworks and free spaghetti *alle vongole* as well as rallies and the blocking of Po bridges by coaches. Umberto Bossi, the gravelly-voiced demagogic leader of the League, will fill a phial with the "holy" water from the source of the Po, at Pian del Re in the mountains near Turin, and travel by helicopter and catamaran to Venice, where he will declare the "independence" of northern Italy on Sunday.

Opinion polls suggest that many Italians see this as "buffoonery". The League gained 30 per cent of the vote in its northern strongholds in the April general election, but has since fared badly in local elections, even in Mantua, the site of the "Parliament of the North". The League's plans for Padania identity cards, stamps and a separate currency are mocked as fantastical.

Even the boundaries of the proposed "republic" are vague. Strictly speaking, Padania means the Po valley, where the 400-mile river runs through or past some of the most picturesque and ancient towns in Piedmont and Lombardy. The League, however, defines "Padania" as stretching from the Austrian border in the north to Umbria, 60 miles from Rome.

Signor Bossi hopes a million and a half people will turn out, forming a human chain, and that many will back secession. His message appeals to regional pride and many resent rule from Rome. Critics say "Padania" exists only in Signor Bossi's mind. It is not a cohesive unit but a patchwork of former dukedoms and principalities that fused with the rest of Italy in 1870.

Only a fraction of the 3.7 million Italians who voted for the League want secession, but most want greater autonomy. They believe that the North, with 31 million inhabitants and Italy's powerhouse industries, is "dragged down" by the shiftless, crime-ridden and inefficient South. Thanks to a competitive lira and an export boom, the economy of northern Italy has grown by 6 per cent in the past four years, compared to 1.5 per cent in the South.

Unemployment in the South is 21 per cent, compared with 8 per cent in the North. Signor Bossi wants to introduce a "northern" lira and has applied to join the single European currency.

There is alarm that Signor Bossi has been allowed to get this far. His 10,000 party stewards wear green shirts, and some are reported to have stockpiled weapons. They are compared to Mussolini's Black Shirts. The magazine *Panorama* last week carried a front-page picture of a Green Shirt wearing a Padania Liberation Committee armband. "Bossi has a private militia," the headline said. "Is anyone going to do anything about it?"

Walter Veltroni, the former communist Deputy Prime Minister, said Signor Bossi had hoped for a hung parliament in which he could hold the balance of power, and had turned to extremism out of desperation after the Left's convincing win in April. "But desperation can conjure up a monster which will be difficult to control," Signor Veltroni said this week. "That has happened before in European history — with tragic consequences."

> ❛ Umberto Bossi has a private militia of Green Shirts. Is anyone going to do anything about it?❜

WORLD SUMMARY

Man loses rights on embryos

Jerusalem: An Israeli woman yesterday won the legal right to go against the wishes of her estranged husband and have their frozen embryos implanted in a surrogate mother (Ross Dunn writes).

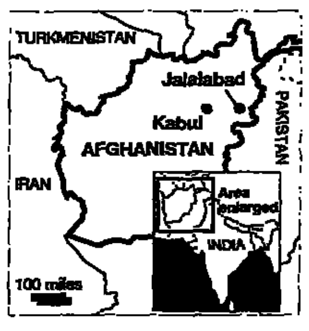
A panel of 11 judges voted seven to four in favour of Ruti Nahmani, saying: "A woman's right to be a parent is stronger than a man's right not to be a father." The judges overturned a ruling by a lower court that Danny Nahmani could not be forced to become a father. His lawyer called the latest decision "a big slap to a man's most intimate parts".

Mrs Nahmani, who had a hysterectomy in 1987, said that she would now look around in earnest for a surrogate mother.

Serengeti gang shoot at tourists

Nairobi: Bandits opened fire on mini-buses carrying 25 Italian and American tourists in the Serengeti game park in Tanzania, before robbing them of cash and valuables, embassy officials said. Two women were airlifted to hospital in neighbouring Kenya with fractures caused by bullets. "It was a very nasty incident," a US embassy official said. "People were clubbed with rifle-butts." The attack came shortly before dusk on Sunday. *(Reuter)*

Militia seizes Afghan city



The Islamic extremist militia, Taleban, which controls half of Afghanistan, consolidated its capture of the crucial eastern city of Jalalabad (Christopher Thomas writes). The city's fall is a disaster for the Government in Kabul, the nominal capital of a country divided into many fiefdoms. The Government accused Pakistan of aiding Taleban in the seizure of the city, which sits on a vital supply route.

Crash theorists may blow up jet

New York: Air crash investigators may blow up an empty Boeing 747 jetliner to find out what happens when a bomb explodes near the central fuel tank of such an aircraft, one of the theories behind the crash off Long Island of TWA Flight 800, in which 230 people died (Quentin Letts writes). Experts believe the disaster to have been caused by terrorists.

High and dry

Khartoum: A Saudi pilot spotted floodwaters, which had engulfed villages, heading for the Sudanese capital. His alert gave troops, civil defence forces and volunteers time to dig a canal and divert the water into the Blue Nile. *(AFP)*

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The young Helmut, escorted by his sister, Hildegard, and older brother, Waler

Tales of young Helmut give image a sparkle

From Roger Boyes in Bonn

HELMUT KOHL, lagging in the opinion polls, has launched a very personal publicity campaign to polish his image. For the first time Germans are discovering intimate facts about the early life of their leader.

Even those close to the Chancellor were unaware that he had an older sister, Hildegard. Yesterday the widow, 74, gave her first interview and commentators were quick to seize on indicators of Herr Kohl's personal motives in seeking European unification. The interview came only a day after a rare appearance by the Chancellor on a German talk-show.

The latest opinion poll, conducted by the Forza Institute, shows that Gerhard Schröder, the Social Democrat leader, is currently the Germans' favourite for Chancellor (35 per cent), 1 per cent ahead of Herr Kohl. The Christian Democrat-Free Democrat coalition, meanwhile, is level pegging with a notional alliance of Social Democrats and Greens. As popular opposition mounts against cuts and as the Government struggles to maintain its credibility as a good housekeeper, the mood is swinging away from the Chancellor.

Herr Kohl told his advisers that he does not want trumpet fanfares when he overtakes Konrad Adenauer's record stint of 14 years in office in November. But increasingly the party wants to make the most of this record; the new candour is part of that strategy.

Hildegard reveals that Helmut was an unplanned child. "He was a late arrival — they were difficult times, the world economic crisis was at its high point and in such a situation another child was not exactly what parents longed for," his doting sister told *Stern* magazine. "But Helmut pushed his way through, with all his force. He was always a will kid." On other occasions, he would dress up in a sheet with a tea-cosy on his head and call himself the Bishop.

War shaped the Chancellor's childhood, giving the emotional backdrop to his controversial statement that forging European political and monetary union is a matter of war or peace. His father was a lieutenant in the mounted artillery in the First World War, became a modestly paid tax inspector in the years of the Weimar Republic, and was called up as a reservist officer during the Second World War.

"That had a deep effect," said Hildegard of her brother. "At a stroke, at the age of nine, his childhood was finished." In 1944 Helmut's only elder brother, Walter, was killed in action.

The lean war years also contributed to the Chancellor's later eating habits. In a stab of candour during his talk-show, he admitted using 18 eggs for his favourite crème caramel. He also confessed that when foreign statesmen call him, he switches on the telephone loudspeaker and feeds the fish in his aquarium.

The Chancellor with his doting sister in 1994

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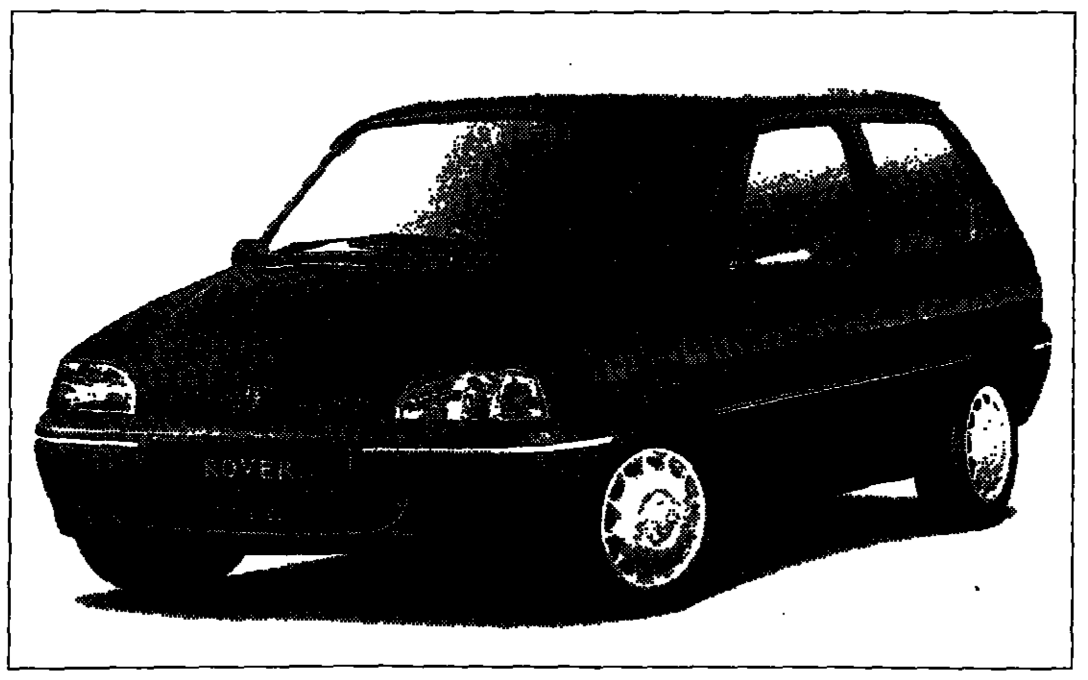

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French pupils bowed by book burden

From Susan Bell
in Paris

WITH the new school term starting in France this week, a familiar sight has returned to the country's streets: small children tottering under the weight of the enormous satchels strapped to their backs.

In many cases these satchels weigh half as much as the pupil and concern over the possible detrimental effects to health has led one politician to propose a new law limiting their weight.

According to Jean-Yves Haby, curvature of the spine, pressure on the respiratory system and an unbalanced gait can result from regularly carrying loads greater than 20 per cent of one's weight. M Haby wants to introduce a law limiting a school satchel to no more than 10 per cent of the owner's body weight.

Raphael, an 11-year-old Parisian schoolboy interviewed by *Libération*, set off for his first year at secondary school this week, his spine bent under an unwieldy satchel weighing no less than 28lb, half his body weight and roughly equivalent to the provisions carried by a soldier on manoeuvres. Valentine, his ten-year-old neighbour, who is less than 4ft tall and weighs about 3½ stone, was in tears after her second day because she could not manage to carry her satchel. Her parents are now forced to ferry her to and from school.

French children carry as many as 20 books around with them throughout the day because schools do not provide lockers or desks where belongings can be stored. Most schools are opposed to the installation of lockers because they say they do not have adequate space or staff to supervise them. Another solution, greatly favoured by the publishers of school books, is to issue two copies of each book to each child: one for home, the other for school.

So far François Bayrou, the Education Minister, has not responded to M Haby's proposition. But, as *Libération* pointed out yesterday, if M Bayrou were forced to carry files amounting to half his 11½st on his back all day, he might be more sympathetic.

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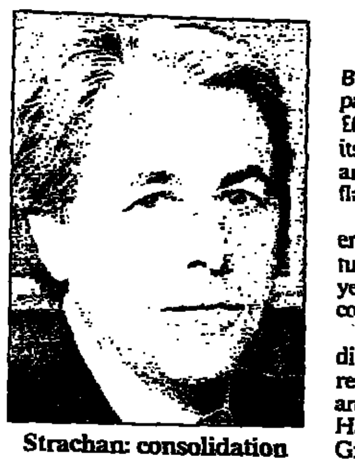
BTR spends £622m on restructuring and cuts payout



Strachan: consolidation

By Alasdair Murray

BTR, the diversified industrial company, said yesterday that it is making £622 million of provisions and cutting its full-year dividend by 35 per cent in an attempt to restore the company's flagging fortunes.

The exceptional charges, which cover the costs of the company's restructuring programme, wiped out half-year profits, which fell to £4 million, compared with £729 million last year.

BTR said it would push on with its disposal programme, which has already yielded sales of £1.5 billion, also announced the £128.5 million sale of Hawker Siddeley Electric Power Group. The company intends to sell another 37 businesses in the next 18 months, bringing total disposal proceeds to £2.3 billion.

Ian Strachan, chief executive, said the company would also consolidate its 32 existing business divisions into seven business groups.

The radical surgery unveiled by Mr Strachan was well received in the City and shares in the company rose 8p to close at 274p. Analysts said that the reshaping was long overdue and supported the cut in the dividend as providing a more sustainable basis for future growth.

BTR said the £622 million of exceptional charges included £273 million to cover losses on future disposals and £349 million in restructuring charges. Of this amount, half relate to reorganisation and closure costs in continental Europe.

The interim dividend was reduced 28 per cent to 4p, payable on November 29. BTR added that it intends to pay a total dividend for 1996 of 9.6p, a reduction of 35 per cent.

Underlying profits before interest for the six months to June 30 increased 3 per cent to £703 million, while continuing sales increased 13 per cent to £4.5 billion. Operating profits rose in most of the company's continuing divisions with the strongest performance in process control, where they increased 12 per cent to £86 million. But profits in the automotive division slipped 22 per cent to £68 million. Gross capital expenditure increased to £352 million, representing 7 per cent of sales, compared with 6 per cent in 1995. Gearing stood at 115 per cent on June 30.

The purchase of Hawker Siddeley Electrical Power Group is the second major acquisition by FKI in the past few weeks. FKI said the BTR subsidiary would strengthen its engineering division. Jeff Whalley, chief executive of FKI, said the deal would be earnings enhancing and the company expected to make some cost savings. FKI is paying cash for the company, which made profits of £20 million last year, increasing its gearing to about 70 per cent. FKI shares rose 11p to 205p.

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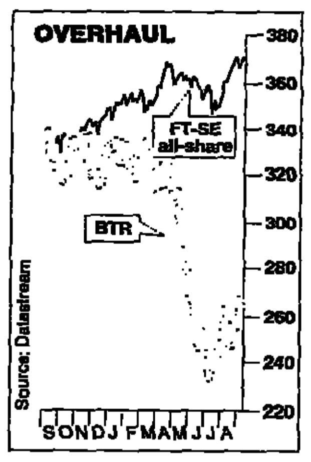

Fierce rivalry hits profits at British Gas

By Eric Reguly

BRITISH Gas incurred losses of £180 million in its industrial and commercial gas supply business in the first half of the year as it confronted cut-throat competition from rival suppliers.

But the company said it is making progress in renegotiating the take-or-pay contracts, which oblige it to pay above-market prices for North Sea gas. Losses in the industrial and commercial gas supply business were £50 million in the first half of the previous year.

The losses in the industrial and commercial gas division pushed down British Gas's after-tax profit, on a historic cost basis, by £70 million to £565 million in the interim period ending on June 30.

Earnings per share were 12.9p against 14.6p.

Increased demand triggered by cold weather boosted turnover by 7 per cent to £5.1 billion. The interim dividend is maintained at 6.4p a share.

Richard Giordano, chairman, said there were signs that a small number of gas suppliers were willing to renegotiate the take-or-pay contracts. Since its market share is shrinking, British Gas no longer requires all of the £40 billion of gas it agreed to buy from North Sea suppliers in the mid-1980s, when it still had a monopoly.

Mr Giordano said: "There is a realistic assessment of the problem … We're struggling to make progress with two or three people. I hope they'll be done quickly because they might show the way to others."

British Gas has already paid £500 million to meet its take-or-pay obligations and analysts have estimated that it faces another £1 billion to £1.5 billion in contract liabilities. But this year's bill could drop to zero because of the cold weather, Mr Giordano said.

Take-or-pay obligations and restructuring costs caused a near-doubling, to £3 billion, in British Gas's net borrowings, raising gearing from 16.6 per cent to 27.9 per cent.

More than 5,500 employees left the company in the half-year period. This reduced the number of workers to about 43,000.

British Gas appears to be making less progress with Clare Spottiswoode, the Director-General of Ofgas, the industry regulator.

The company said: "We are making a final attempt with Ofgas to achieve a workable solution which balances adequately the interests of our stakeholders."

Ofgas has proposed reducing prices to customers by forcing British Gas to charge its rivals less for the use of its TransCo pipeline network, starting next year. The proposals, British Gas said, would reduce's TransCo's annual revenue by £650 million.

Mr Giordano gave no details about the talks. Ofgas has given the company until October 7 to accept or reject the package. If it rejects it, the matter will be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission.

Nigel Hawkins, an analyst at Yamaichi, said: "The odds are in favour of an MMC inquiry. There is no indication that Ofgas is prepared to make a U-turn."

British Gas said that dividend policy depends on the outcome of TransCo's price review. Analysts have predicted that the annual payments could fall by 30 per cent, to 10p, unless Ofgas's price-cutting plan is relaxed.

British Gas shares closed at 199½p, up ½p.

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John Lewis soars to interim record

By Sarah Cunningham

THE John Lewis Partnership yesterday revealed record half-time profits and said it had set its sights on a record full year. Sales at both its department stores and at its Waitrose supermarkets were strong, providing further evidence of an upturn in consumer confidence.

The company is setting aside £50.5 million of the £78.1 million pre-tax profit made in the six months to July 27 for investment in the business and profit-sharing. Profits were 72 per cent ahead of last year's £45.5 million.

John Lewis staff last year received an average of eight weeks' pay as a bonus — when just £31.5 million was set aside in the first half — and so could be heading for a bumper payout this year.

A spokesman would not be drawn on the expected level of bonuses, however. He said it would depend on second-half profits and the amount spent on expansion. John Lewis is expecting to open at least three new stores in the next three years. It has also spent more than it expected on stockhandling and customer services.

Department store sales were up 15 per cent and Waitrose up 14 per cent. Both were up 10 per cent like for like. According to Stuart Hampson, chairman: "We have to go back ten years to find a time when both divisions together scored such good, real-term, sales increases." He said that with profit growth far outstripping sales growth, both divisions were clearly capturing market share. He said there had been a "confident start" to the second half.

Tony Shiret, retail analyst at BZW, said John Lewis was a stronger performer than most comparable retailers, but he added: "It is clearly supportive of the view that the retail background is strong."

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SIMON WALKER

Christopher Norland, chairman of Frank Usher, with model Miranda reported £2.02 million profits for the fashion house

PIA proposes changes to investor protection rules

AS CONCERN grows about safeguards for investors in the wake of Morgan Grenfell, the Personal Investment Authority (PIA) is proposing changes that would streamline and simplify investor protection procedures (Anne Ashworth writes).

"Best advice" for the client, the concept that encapsulates much of the current regime, may be under threat. A range including "not unsuitable" and "most suitable" advice is suggested as a replacement.

Colette Bowe, PIA chief executive, said: "We are talking about finding some way in which complex transactions can be made easier by simplifying the procedures. We are not taking away from investor protection, we are adding to it."

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Shares rise to record high as inflation dips

By Janet Bush, economics correspondent

BRITAIN'S headline inflation rate fell back in August to 2.1 per cent, but the underlying inflation rate, targeted by the Government, remained stuck at 2.8 per cent for the fourth month running, in spite of City expectations of a fall.

The stubbornness of underlying inflation, which the Government wants at 2.5 per cent or less, convinced many in the City that base rates should not fall again.

However, in spite of mild disappointment, the stock market still soared to a new record on the back of positive British corporate results and a strong performance on Wall Street. American shares rose after a benign report on US producer prices, while, in London, the FT-SE 100 index closed 27 points up, at a record 3,932.6.

Headline inflation had blipped up disappointingly in July to 2.2 per cent, and August's fall brought it back to June's 2.1 per cent. The fall in the annual rate in August was largely because seasonal food prices did not rise by nearly as much as last year, when drought pushed up greengrocery prices.

The underlying rate, which City analysts had hoped would fall back in August, was kept at 2.8 per cent partly because of increased motoring costs. Second-hand car prices were up unexpectedly and petrol prices were up by around 2 per cent, suggesting that the fierce price competition, particularly between superstores, may have eased off.

The rise in petrol prices may also partly reflect a 10 per cent surge in crude oil prices over the July to August period. The Office for National Statistics said that it is possible that a further rise in crude oil prices related to renewed uncertainty over Iraq may push petrol prices up again in September, although the relationship between crude and petrol prices is not always close.

Broadly, however, the City remains confident that underlying inflation is set to fall over the coming months. In September, another outbreak of supermarket price competition, some more cuts in mortgage rates feeding through and cuts in telephone charges should help to keep the lid on inflation.

Chelsea £20m transfer is lost

By Jason Nissé

EVEN if you have a £120 million personal fortune and can afford a £1 million personal donation to the Labour Party, it is hard to misplace share certificates worth nearly £20 million. But that is what Matthew Harding, the insurance tycoon, has done. Certificates for the bulk of his 25 per cent stake in Chelsea Village, owner of the football club, have been lost in the post.

Last week Mr Harding sent two certificates, one for 14.3 million shares, the other for 5.6 million, to Chelsea's registrars, a subsidiary of stockbroker Neill Clerk in Glasgow. Apparently he wanted the registered holder changed to a nominee company.

The trouble is the certificates did not arrive. Ross McDonald, chief executive of Neill Clerk, said: "We never got them. They did not arrive through our door and we certainly have not lost them."

According to Robert Ellis, chairman of Ellis & Partners, Chelsea's financial advisors, the certificates are believed to have been lost in the post. He said: "I think there has been some problem to do with the mail strike."

The Stock Exchange has sent a note to City stockbrokers, warning them that if anyone tries to sell the shares, the Exchange should be contacted. Neill Clerk says it will replace the certificates free if Mr Harding signs a form indemnifying the broker against any losses.

☐ Mr Harding and George Soros, the US speculator, were claiming victory last night in their hostile bid for HCG Lloyd's Investment Trust. Their investment vehicle, Benfield & Rea Investment Trust, claimed to have received valid acceptances in respect of 56.4 per cent of HCG's shares.

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STOCK MARKET INDICES

FT-SE 100	3932.6	(+27.0)
Yield	3.97%	
FT-SE A All share	1941.90	(+11.08)
Nikkei	20443.93	(−127.11)
New York:		
Dow Jones	5789.69	(+34.77)*
S&P Composite	671.50	(+4.22)*

US RATE

Federal Funds	5 3/16%*	(5 1/4%)
Long Bond	96 1/32*	(95 17/32)
Yield	7.07%*	(7.11%)

LONDON MONEY

3-mth Interbank	5 3/4%	(5 3/4%)
Liffe long gilt future (Dec)	106 13/16	(106 17/32)

STERLING

New York:		
$	1.5537*	(1.5551)
London:		
$	1.5553	(1.5547)
DM	2.3518	(2.3473)
FFr	8.0246	(8.0114)
SFr	1.9224	(1.9174)
Yen	171.05	(171.41)
£ Index	86.3	(86.1)

DOLLAR

London:		
DM	1.5147*	(1.5118)
FFr	5.1685*	(5.1570)
SFr	2.2385*	(1.2357)
Yen	110.27*	(110.38)
$ Index	97.2	(97.2)

Tokyo close Yen 110.04

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent 15-day (Nov)	$22.95	($22.85)

GOLD

London close	$382.55	($383.65)

* denotes midday trading price

Lloyds TSB to shut 150 branches

By George Sivell

LLOYDS TSB plans to close about 150 of the 3,000 branch network created by the merger completed in December, but said yesterday that it had has not identified those that would be shut.

The plans were described as a routine part of restructuring to adapt to changing markets. The bank also said it had shed about 600 jobs through natural wastage since the merger took effect. Lloyds TSB now employs 85,000 full-time staff.

The planned branch closures were immediately condemned by Bifu, the banking union, which said it believed that more than 1,000 branches would close and that up to 10,000 jobs were at risk.

Lloyds TSB, however, said that speculation of 1,000 closures was unfounded, adding: "The branch network is very important to us. We will not see the number falling greatly below 3,000. A great deal of business comes to us through those branches."

The bank said it believed the planned closures were in line with the banking industry generally, but added that it was investing in other areas such as phone and remote banking to improve customer service. No figure has been put on the redundancies resulting from the closures.

John Townsend, assistant secretary of Bifu, said: "Six hundred job losses linked to the merger have already been announced in head office departments in Birmingham and Bristol and in clearing departments in London."

Words have wings and that's the truth (thanks to seat-back phones in our planes to Florence).

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United News & Media 21% up in first half

By Frank le Duc

TRONG growth in broadcasting, trade magaines and exhibitions was highlighted as United Jews & Media announced pre-tax profits of 152 million in the six months to June 30.

The figures are the first since the merger with AAI, which was announced in February and ompleted in April. The pre-tax profits show an ncrease of 21.5 per cent on the £125 million of he first half of 1995.

The results slightly exceeded forecasts, but analysts said that exceptional charges, at £32.3 million, were also higher than expected.

Lord Hollick, chief executive, said that United would take £32 million of restructuring costs in the second half as it turns the *Daily Express* and the *Sunday Express* into a seven-day operation. *The £82 million proceeds from selling Tolley,* the legal publisher, will also be accounted for in the second half.

Lord Hollick said that current trading was in line with expectations, advertising growth was steady and newsprint prices were softening. He expects further strong demand in the exhibitions and trade magazines businesses.

Operating profits of the broadcasting and entertainment division advanced by 75 per cent to £26.3 million, on the back of a strong performance by Anglia and Meridian.

Consumer publishing, which includes national and provincial newspapers and advertising magazines such as *Dalton's Weekly* and *Exchange & Mart*, contributed operating profits of £41.6 million (£43.1 million).

Financial services — including Harlow Butler and Garban, the money and securities broking businesses — made £31.5 million (£30.2 million).

Business services — trade magazines and exhibitions — lifted its contribution from £36.3 million to £51.2 million.

Lord Hollick said: "We have done what we said we would do at the time of the merger, which was to improve performance and develop our core businesses. I'm sorry if that's boring."

Earnings per share were 21.1p (16.9p). An 8p dividend, up 3 per cent, is due on December 2.

BAe chief sees more defence mergers

By Oliver August

THE consolidation of the European defence industry will be largely completed soon after the turn of the century, Sir Richard Evans chief executive of British Aerospace, forecast yesterday.

He said that within five years defence companies in Britain, France and Germany will have merged most of their businesses to be able to compete more effectively with their American rivals.

Sir Richard said that aircraft, helicopter and weapons companies will merge their asset bases but also establish national subsidiaries to maintain national identities. This will create large research and development savings while the subsidiaries maintain *links with national* governments and their defence budgets.

He said efficiency savings were unlikely to result in significant job losses because the new pan-European companies would enjoy an increase in global sales. BAe's *workforce is projected to* remain steady at about 43,000 over the next five years.

Yesterday BAe reported a 75 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £199 million from £114 million in the six months to June 30. Earnings increased to 31.2p a share from 12.2p. *The interim dividend* was lifted by 1.25p to 6.25p. BAe shares rose 37p to £10.49.

Sir Richard said: "The measures taken and continuing to improve productivity are driving the strong performance now becoming evident from these results and will ensure that maximum value is derived from delivering the substantial *forward order book.*

"With the business now starting to deliver this performance, we are better able to influence the future shape of our industry. We believe we now share common objectives of European consolidation with others in the industry, *but recognise the challenges* facing potential partners.

"Such consolidation will take time and we will continue to seek performance growth through further order capture and cost elimination."

A significant step in the European consolidation programme *was taken last month* when BAe's missile business and the French missile builder Matra formed a new joint company.

BAe nevertheless insists that strict criteria have to be met before further consolidations can be agreed, and that *political factors will be taken* into account. Since the deal with Matra, BAe has been particularly keen to set up a similar arrangement with a German company.

Sir Richard again dismissed suggestions that BAe may be in merger talks with GEC. He *said there would be no talks in* the next 12 months and that a merger was "highly unlikely" and "not a priority".

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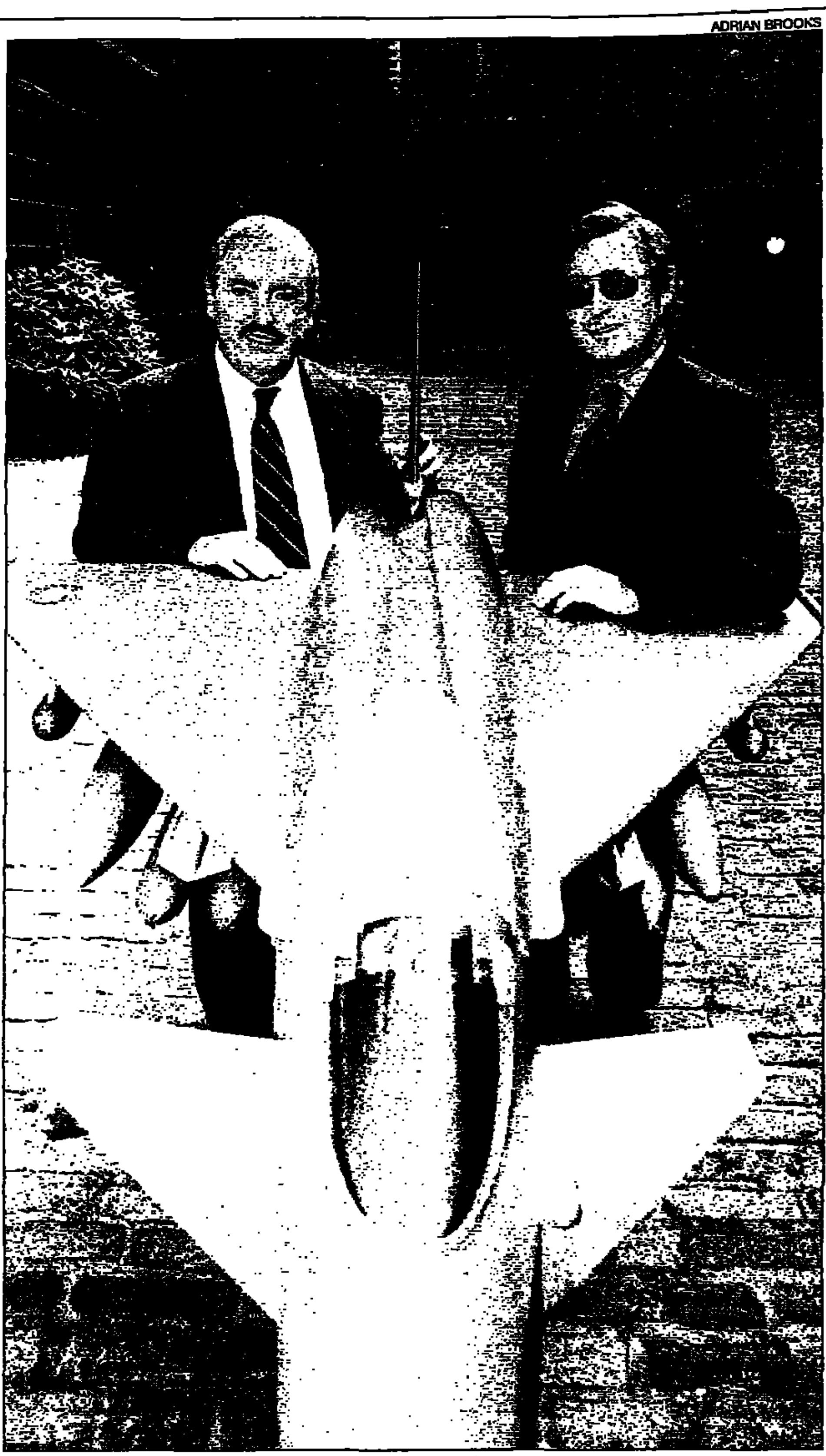
ADRIAN BROOKS



Sir Richard Evans, left, and Richard Lapthorne, finance director, said profits rose

Legal & General UK sales soar 56%

By Keith Rodgers

LEGAL & GENERAL saw interim UK sales of investment, protection and pension products leap 56.4 per cent to a six-year high as its competitive pricing policy paid off.

The group also announced yesterday that it is opening a telephone sales centre in Cardiff on Monday, initially to sell healthcare and term assurance. It hopes the operation will eventually house up to 400 staff and account for about a quarter of its business.

David Prosser, chief executive, added that the company was in preliminary discussions with the Bank of England as it looks to extend its range into banking-based deposit account products, although he ruled out expanding into current accounts and full banking services.

Operating profits before tax climbed from £111.1 million to £134.3 million, while earnings per share rose from 17.1p to 18.02p. The pre-tax profit figure was distorted by a reclassification of £1.4 billion of shareholders' retained capital.

The interim dividend, payable on 2 December, climbed 13.6 per cent to 8.75p, and analysts were confident that dividend growth will continue.

The company said it had increased its share of the life and pensions market, with new equivalent premium income climbing from £90.5 million to £141.5 million. Personal equity plans sales increased fivefold. Underlying UK life and pensions profits grew 14 per cent.

The company sold its commercial insurance lines to Guardian Insurance in July, which will create an exceptional profit of £70 million — £50 million after tax — in the full-year. The company is proposing a five for two split of ordinary shares to improve liquidity.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Sorrell collects £2.7m of shares under deal

MARTIN SORRELL, chief executive of WPP Group, the advertising and *marketing company,* was yesterday awarded shares worth £2.7 million under a controversial package set up last year. He collected 1,172,845 shares, the first of four tranches to which he will be entitled if WPP fulfils performance targets on share price, total shareholder return and earnings per share growth. The target for the first set required that WPP's shares trade at a minimum of 198p for 60 consecutive trading days.

The remaining three sets of 1,172,845 shares each are subject to share price targets of 230p, 260p and 304p. The four-tiered *share package was tied to Mr Sorrell's investment* last year of £2 million of his own money in WPP shares. He then acquired 1,129,305 shares at 115p each. The total five-year package has been calculated to be worth up to £28.5 million. In addition to the shares, it includes a salary of £750,000 and up to an equal amount in cash bonuses.

Caradon disposals

CARADON, the building supplies group, expects to complete the sale of most its European engineering and distribution businesses for about £215 million by the end of this year. Purchaser for 15 of the 17 businesses is believed to be CINVen, the former British Coal venture capital company bought out by its management. Buyer of the other two is believed to be Magna, of the US. Caradon's pre-tax profits fell to £81.3 million (£90.2 million) in the six months to June 30, but it made cost savings of £30 million. The interim dividend stays at 2.9p.

Shell Transport ahead

SHELL Transport and Trading, the UK arm of the Royal Dutch/Shell group, yesterday declared an interim dividend of 14.4p a share, up 11.6 per cent on the 1995 interim of 12.9p. Royal Dutch Petroleum, the group's Dutch arm, declared an interim dividend of 4.30 guilders (3.90 guilders). Analysts said that the market range of expectations for the dividends was between 14p and 15.5p for Shell and 4 guilders to 4.50 guilders for Royal Dutch. Shell shares will go ex-dividend on September 23. The dividend is due to be paid on November 4.

Gillette-Duracell deal

GILLETTE, the consumer products company, is to buy Duracell International Inc for about $7 billion. Duracell's copper-top batteries appear on many of the same store shelves as Gillette's Sensor and Good News shaving products, Right Guard deodorant Oral-B toothbrushes and Paper Mate pens. The deal completes the divestiture of Duracell by Kohlberg Kravis Roberts, the buyout firm, which purchased Duracell from Kraft for $1.8 billion in 1988. It had retained a 34 per cent stake.

Memory chief resigns

FOUNDER Alex Deas has resigned as chairman of Memory Corporation, the microchip company, to become chief scientist. The company reports interim losses of £3.06 million — a £2.31 million increase. The group repairs imperfect microchips and has not recovered from last November's market collapse, when perfect chips plunged from $400 to $70. Memory sells repaired chips for approximately $50. It wrote off £1.1 million of stock from unsold 8-megabyte chips. Group sales were £87,000 (£450,000). Bill Hipp will be new chairman.

TLS on takeover road

TLS, the vehicle rental company, is acquiring Commercial Recovery & Repairs (CRR) for a maximum consideration of £6.8 million. CRR is involved in the rental of heavy goods vehicles, light commercial vehicles and trailers. TLS also announced an increase of 32 per cent in pre-tax profits to £2.4 million for the half year to the end of June. Earnings were 4p a share, compared with 3.8p in the corresponding period. The interim dividend is lifted to 1.1p a share from 0.85p.

Setback for APV

PRE-TAX profits at APV, the food equipment maker, fell to £700,000, from £7.1 million, in the half year to June 30, reflecting weak markets and a lower order book at the start of the year. Earnings dropped to 0.2p a share from 1.6p, while the dividend is held at 1p a share, payable on January 3. The results include £8 million of restructuring costs. Sir Peter Cazalet, chairman, said there were *signs that order intake* was picking up and the company expected to show progress in the second half over the comparable period in 1995.

Coopers fees record

COOPERS & LYBRAND, the accountancy partnership, raised gross fee income by 6 per cent to a record £701 million in the year to end-April. Coopers should *remain comfortably* top of the league of UK accountants. Corporate finance was the best performer, with 12 per cent growth to £72 million. It claims the most lead deals of any adviser at 149. Audit and accountancy, now grouped with due diligence and similar work in a business assurance division, increased gross income by 7 per cent to £239 million.

Logica wins contract

LOGICA, the information technology consultancy, has won a £4.25 million contract to supply the electricity pool of England and Wales with a computer system to run a deregulated electricity market. The computer framework will connect domestic customers to the supplier of their choice and co-ordinate trading between generators and distributors. Yesterday Logica reported pre-tax profits up 22 per cent at £24.7 million for the year to June 30. Earnings were 27.1p (21.7p) a share. A final dividend of 4.8p, due on November 14, gives a total of 7.8p (6.24p).

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.04	1.88
Austria Sch	17.50	16.00
Belgium Fr	51.30	47.00
Canada $	2.240	2.080
Cyprus Cyp£	0.757	0.702
Denmark Kr	9.61	8.81
Finland Mkk	7.66	7.01
France Fr	8.41	7.76
Germany Dm	2.50	2.29
Greece Dr	389	364
Hong Kong $	12.67	11.67
Iceland	115	95
Ireland Pt	1.02	0.94
Israel Shk	5.31	4.86
Italy Lira	2484	2329
Japan Yen	185.20	169.20
Malta	0.601	0.546
Netherlds Gld	2.781	2.551
New Zealand $	2.38	2.16
Norway Kr	10.60	9.80
Portugal Esc	251.50	233.00
S Africa Rd	7.58	6.76
Spain Pta	204.50	191.50
Sweden Kr	11.04	10.24
Switzerland Fr	2.05	1.87
Turkey Lira	140700	132700
USA $	1.654	1.524

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to traveller's cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

Woodchester eyes Swedish market

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

WOODCHESTER Investments, the finance company in which France's Crédit Lyonnais has a controlling interest, plans to enter the Swedish market, hoping to match its recent success in Portugal and Denmark.

The company, which is based in the Irish Republic, yesterday reported a 25 per cent in interim pre-tax profits to Ir£21.4 million for the six months to the end of June.

Earnings rose 19 per cent to Ir7.41p a share and the interim dividend is increased 15 per cent to Ir3.16p, payable on November 8. The company said that new business rose 46 per cent to Ir£600 million in the first half.

Craig McKinney, chairman, yesterday sought to reassure investors, saying the continuing financial problems of Crédit Lyonnais had no impact on Woodchester.

There has been persistant speculation that the French bank will be forced to divest its 53 per cent stake in the company. Mr McKinney said: "*It's not inhibiting our growth* in any way. We know that if Crédit Lyonnais decides to divest, there are no shortage of potential buyers."

Woodchester's UK operations *were boosted by a good perfor*mance from Anglo Group.

Warning as weak prices hit Minorco

MINORCO, the minerals and industrial materials company, suffered a 5 per cent fall in net earnings in the first half to June 30, affected by weaker industrial commodity prices.

The company said a weaker copper price would have an adverse second-half impact, although hedging programmes will provide some protection. The company, based in Luxembourg and controlled by South African interests, saw net earnings before exceptional items fall to *$200 million from $210 mil*lion. The interim dividend is maintained at 21 cents.

Net gains of $117 million from investment disposals increased net earnings to $317 *million. Operating* earnings fell 11 per cent to $342 million.

Irish rate rise fears recede on inflation data

From Eileen McCabe in Dublin

THE threat of an official interest rate increase in the Irish Republic receded yesterday with the release of government figures showing a modest increase in the annual inflation rate to 1.5 per cent in the year to the end of August.

This compared with 1.4 per cent for the year to the end of mid-May *and was better than* expected by economists in Dublin.

The Central Bank of Ireland gave further solace to anxious borrowers by forecasting a full 1996 inflation rate of 1.75 per cent. However, the bank cautioned that a steady rise in private sector credit, particularly domestic mortgages, could pose an inflationary threat to the Irish economy in the medium term.

In its autumn bulletin, the bank said: "The Irish economy has been growing above bank estimates of its long-run potential rate for a number of years and the longer this situation persists the greater the threat to price stability."

Last month the Central Bank acted on its concern about credit growth by refusing to intervene to stem the steady rise of the key, interbank one-month rate from 5.5 per cent to 5.75 per cent. As a result, most lending institutions increased their rates by between 0.25 and 0.5 of a percentage point.

The Central Bank reiterated its commitment to a policy of price stability and continued adherence to the Maastricht treaty criteria for economic and monetary union. The bank said that after two years of very strong growth, Ireland's GNP is likely to be *about 5 per cent for both 1996* and 1997.

The "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Public Limited Company

Interim dividend 1996

Notice is hereby given that a balance of the Register will be struck on Tuesday, 1st October, 1996 for the preparation of warrants for an Interim dividend for the year 1996 of 14.4p per 25p Ordinary share payable on 4th November, 1996.

For transferees to receive this dividend, their transfers must be lodged with the Company's Registrar:– Lloyds Bank Registrars, The Causeway, Worthing, West Sussex BN99 6DA, not later than 3pm on 1st October, 1996.

SHARE WARRANTS TO BEARER

The Coupon to be presented for the above dividend *will be No. 196 which must be deposited at* Lloyds Bank Plc, Registrar's Department, Receiving Bank Services, Ground Floor, P.O. Box 1000, Antholin House, 71 Queen Street, London EC4N 1SL (not later than 1st October, 1996, to receive payment on 4th November, 1996) or may be surrendered through Messieurs Lazard Frères et Cie, 121 boulevard Haussmann, 75382, Paris Cedex 08.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
Miss J.E. Munsiff
Secretary

Shell Centre,
London SE1 7NA
12th September, 1996

The Secretary of State hereby gives notice that he intends to grant on 16 September 1996 a licence in the following terms.

**INTERIM OPEN GENERAL LICENCE
CHEMICAL WEAPONS ACT 1996**

This Licence is granted by the Secretary of State, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 20 of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 (c.6).

1 **Interpretation**

Terms and expressions used in this Licence shall bear the same meanings as they have in the Chemical Weapons Act 1996.

2 **Authorisation**

This Licence authorises any person to:

(a) use any Schedule 1 toxic chemical or precursor for a permitted purpose; and

(b) to produce or have in his possession any Schedule 1 toxic chemical or precursor with the intention that it will be used for a permitted purpose.

3 **Period of Licence**

The Licence shall come into force on 16th September 1996 and shall expire at midnight on 31st December 1996.

The definitive licensing regime under s.20 of the Chemical Weapons Act 1996 will be introduced from 1 January 1997 and will take two forms: an Open General Licence, with reporting requirements, for production, possession and use of up to 5 grammes of Schedule 1 chemicals for research, medical or pharmaceutical purposes, and individual licences covering quantities over 5 grammes. Further details of these arrangements will be available in due course.

For further information please contact John Bidder at the Department of Trade & Industry on 0171 215 8222.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

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COMPANY NOTICES

CANADIAN PACIFIC LIMITED

At a meeting of the Board of Directors held today, the following dividend was declared:

COMMON SHARES

A quarterly dividend of twelve cents (12c) Canadian per share on the outstanding Common shares payable October 28, 1996 to shareholders of record at the close of business September 27, 1996.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
D J Dragan
Vice-President and Secretary
Calgary, September 9, 1996

SPANISH 4% EXTERNAL LOAN (1974 issue)

The coupons due on 1st October 1996 may be presented for payment at Banco Exterior de España S.A.,
1-4 Great Tower Street,
London EC3R 5AH
between the hours of 10am and 2pm
London 13th September 1996

PUBLIC NOTICES

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charities: Vintners' Gifts
Scheme to vary Commissioners' Scheme of the 4/2/1963
Reference: CF-11944-CD(Ldn)

The Commissioners propose to make a Scheme for this charity. A copy of the draft Scheme can be seen at Vintners' Hall, Upper Thames Street, London EC4V 3BJ or obtained by sending a stamped addressed envelope to St Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting the above reference. Comments or representations can be made in writing within one month from today.

CHARITY COMMISSION
Charity - The Vandervell Chair of Pharmacology administered by The Royal College of Surgeons of England

The Commissioners have made a Scheme for this Charity. A copy can be obtained by sending a stamped, addressed envelope to St. Alban's House, 57-60 Haymarket, London, SW1Y 4QX quoting reference number PJM-8988-CD (Ldn).

H. M. Land Registry
Lost Certificates

It is proposed to issue a new certificate to replace the one described below that is stated to have been lost or destroyed. Anyone possessing the missing certificate or objecting to the issue of a new one should at once notify The Croydon District Land Registry of Sunley House, Bedford Park, Croydon CR9 3LE.

Land Certificate Leasehold Title Number SY241327 - 5 The Retreat, Dale Road, Purley, Surrey.

Proprietor Marguerite Edith Jones of 5 Dale Court, Dale Road, Purley, Surrey.

LEGAL NOTICES

**AUGUST HOTELS LIMITED
(IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)**
Company number: 315870
NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF AUGUST HOTELS LIMITED

On 5 September 1996 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Anthony Victor Lomas and Dipankar Mohan Ghosh of Price Waterhouse were appointed liquidators by the shareholders. The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Date 10 September 1996
AV Lomas
Joint Liquidator

LEGAL NOTICES

**PIED A TERRE LIMITED
PIED A TERRE HOLDINGS LIMITED
BORDEAUX PROPERTIES LIMITED
(IN ADMINISTRATION)**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of Creditors in the above matters is to be held at The Sherlock Holmes Hotel, 108 Baker Street, London W1H 1LD, on 26th September 1996 at 12 noon, to consider my proposals under s23(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986, and to consider establishing a Creditor's Committee. A proxy form is available from my offices which should be completed and returned to me by 12 noon on 25th September 1996, together with details of your claim, if you cannot attend the meeting and wish to be represented and vote at the meeting.

Dated 10th September 1996
P S Dunn, Administrator, Latham, Crossley & Davis, Sherlock House 7 Kenrick Place London W1H 3FF

**D. ANDERSON & SON LIMITED
NOTICE OF RESOLUTION FOR PAYMENT OF CAPITAL**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with Section 175 of the Companies Act 1985 that

1. The above-named Company ("the Company") has approved a payment out of Capital for the purpose of redeeming *7,644,000 of its own shares*
2. the amount of the permissible Capital payment for the Shares in question is *£7,644,000*
3. the date of the Resolution for payment out of Capital is 9th September 1996
4. A Statutory Declaration and Auditors' Report required by Section 173 of the Companies Act 1985 available for inspection at the Company's registered office, and
5. any creditor of the Company may at any time within the five weeks immediately following the date of the Resolution *for payment* out of Capital apply to the Court under Section 176 of the Companies Act 1985 for an Order prohibiting the payment.

DATED 9 September 1996

LEGAL, PUBLIC, COMPANY & PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

TO PLACE NOTICES FOR THIS SECTION
PLEASE TELEPHONE
0171-782 7344 OR FAX: 0171-782 7827

Notices are subject to confirmation and should be received by 2.30pm two days prior to insertion.

☐ A matter of trust at BTR ☐ Does Matthew Clark have more drink problems? ☐ PIA wrong on timing and content

U-turn after perpetual motion

☐ WHAT an exciting life it was running BTR in its glory days. All that jetting around as one of the world's most active corporate raiders, striking fear in the hearts of lacklustre managements everywhere. And what a dull time there is to be had managing its inevitable decline.

BTR was a perpetual-motion machine whose motion eventually had to stop. What was surprising was how quickly the whole thing ground to a halt. The start of the end can be dated with remarkable precision, to September 8 1994, that terrible day when Alan Jackson, the then chief executive, was forced to admit to the City that margins were slipping. In most companies, this would be the occasion for mild recrimination and a determination to pull one's socks up. For BTR, it was like reversing the law of gravity.

Mr Jackson blamed a problem at Denver airport, of all places, but more searching analysis showed that large chunks of the group had their woes. He and Sir Owen Green, the man mainly responsible for BTR in its current form, are now gone, and to Ian Strachan falls the lugubrious task of reversing much of their strategy.

Mr Strachan has sold, or will sell, a string of companies representing a quarter of BTR's turnover. Some 37 are still to go, with average annual turnover of £24 million apiece. The aim is to refine the group so that those businesses still within BTR earn their keep. Mr Strachan points out that the retained bits, on an historic basis, would earn a 16 per cent return on capital, handsome indeed. Those bits sold, by contrast, earn little more than 10 per cent, and those still to go earn a lowly 7.6 per cent.

At the same time, BTR will be slimmed from 32 product groups to seven business groupings — the jargon may elude some readers, but it is dear to Mr Strachan's heart, so please persevere — all of which will control a significant or leading share of their markets. This is the key; if you are not a market leader, you have no reason to be there.

Mr Strachan puts down BTR's dismal share price performance over the past year or more to fashion and market perception. Ho hum. The fashion is against conglomerates, but the perception that BTR had run out of steam was, with the benefit of hindsight, clearly correct. The key question is whether the bits being sold are the right ones, or whether the management is merely responding to short-term cyclical trends and getting rid of those businesses that happen to be doing badly this year.

Mr Strachan has mustered a bewildering array of statistics to "prove" that the bits being kept are outperforming the rest, but, at the end of the day, such sweeping reorganisations are a matter of trust. The City, quite rightly, seems inclined to trust him.

A tale of two cider makers

☐ THE most exacting research has shown that the average teenage drinker cannot tell one new brand of cider from another. They order by brand, and brands are boosted only by advertising.

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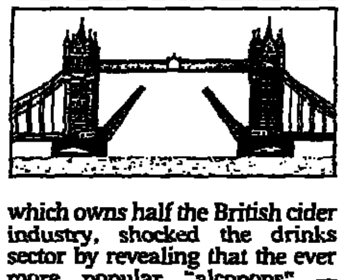

On Tuesday, Matthew Clark, which owns half the British cider industry, shocked the drinks sector by revealing that the ever more popular "alcopops" — those ghastly concoctions of fruit juices and alcohol sold under names such as Thickhead that imply that taste is not the main criterion for purchase — had taken a big chunk out of July and August sales. Clark's shares plunged, yet the story never really rang true. Alcopops are hardly new. Analysts wondered whether rather more was amiss.

Yesterday, they had their answer. The rival HP Bulmer said that the market was still fine, and the premium packaged end, the more expensive bottled brands, was 8 per cent up, year on year. This was just the area that Matthew Clark had claimed was worst hit by alcopops. Bulmer's shares rose in relief, and Matthew Clark fell further. Peter Aikens, the latter's chief executive, was already unpopular in the City over the small matter of the £431,000 that he was paid to cover the cost of moving house. His popularity will not have been enhanced by this week's disaster, and he had better have a stiff exercise book tucked down the back of his trousers when he does the inevitable round of meetings the institutions are demanding.

Matthew Clark has risen fast from humble origins because the trust that the City has put in the management has allowed rapid expansion through share issues. One institution was buying this week, obviously reckoning the worst is past. The company has various options, emphasising some brands at the expense of others or jacking up advertising. But if there are more problems, Mr Aikens would be advised to come clean now. These things tend to come out in the end.

Investor protection demands disclosure

☐ PUBLISHING a discussion paper on investor protection today with no reference to the Morgan Grenfell scandal is a little like putting out a report on maritime safety in May 1912 without mentioning the *Titanic*. Surely, the Personal Investment Authority could have delayed publication for a few weeks so as to include some reference, however sketchy, to the biggest scandal to hit personal investment in years?

This is more than a cavil about timing, though. The view that most clearly emerges from the PIA is that investors are being given too much information, so they are unable to make sensible decisions. This extends and complicates the sales process, and might put a few people off.

This column has long argued that too many of the documents that thump on to investors' doormats are disgracefully jargon-ridden and uninformative. This is not a question of omitting information, however, but of refining it. There must be some suspicion that the PIA has had its ear bent by some big players unhappy with the volume of paperwork they have to shift.

With Morgan Grenfell, management and, therefore, investors were deliberately kept in the dark. Little can be done by the regulator if rogue individuals decide to mislead their employers. But limiting what employers must tell the customer can hardly help.

Partners on a roll

SEARS has its shoelaces in a twist, House of Fraser is in rehab and Sainsbury is swimming in own-label porridge. Meanwhile, politically unfashionable John Lewis is charging ahead. Partners were paid eight weeks' money in profit share, department stores and Waitrose are both gaining market share and half-year profit surged. There is much to be said for stability, job security and avoiding the City.

STV zooms in on record

IMPROVED advertising income helped Scottish Television, the ITV company that recently bought Caledonian Publishing, to report record interim earnings yesterday (Eric Reguly writes).

STV said that advertising income in the half year to June 30 rose 7 per cent to £39.7 million, giving the company 4.79 per cent of net ITV advertising revenue, up from 4.69 per cent.

Pre-tax profits rose 39 per cent to £10.3 million, on turnover from continuing operations of £52.2 million, up 15 per cent. Earnings per share were 11.5p, up 12 per cent, and the interim dividend, to be paid on November 8, rises 38 per cent to 5.5p.

STV said that it has formed a joint venture with BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster that is an associate company of News International, owner of *The Times*, to start broadcasting the Sky Scottish satellite channel in November.

Recovery at United Biscuits

UNITED BISCUITS (Holdings) returned to profit in the first half to July 13 with a strong recovery in its UK biscuits and snacks businesses (Sarah Cunningham writes). Pre-tax profit after exceptional charges are £42.8 million, compared with a £37.8 million loss. Before exceptionals, profits this time were £44.9 million (£22.9 million).

UK profits, by far its largest market, were up 12 per cent, but in continental Europe were down 30 per cent and in Asia Pacific down 61 per cent. Eric Nicoli, chief executive, said the UK crisps market was still highly competitive and remained a source of concern. Although profits were down on the first half of last year in continental Europe, they were well up on the second half of 1995. The company has no plans for acquisitions, he said. The interim is held at 3.5p.

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Earnings slump shrugged off at RTZ-CRA

By Carl Mortished

RTZ-CRA, the Anglo-Australian mining group, yesterday shrugged off a 22 per cent slump in earnings caused by the collapse in the copper price and confidently predicted buoyant demand for metals.

Falling base metal prices and the Sumitomo copper scandal wiped $194 million off first-half earnings to June 30. RTZ-CRA's first half was also depressed by technical delays in bringing a new smelter on stream, while labour trouble affected CRA's Australian coal operations. Adjusted earnings fell from $711 million to $552 million (£361 million). Adverse exchange rates took off $34 million.

Robert Wilson, chief executive, said: "Confidence was clearly shaken by the Sumitomo crisis." But he said the group was confident about growth of demand. "The prices of metals are more depressed than the fundamentals of supply and demand and stocks would suggest."

RTZ was badly hit by the copper price which fell to an average 115 cents a pound from 132 cents in the first half of last year. The price has since slumped to 90 cents, causing a 46 per cent fall in combined copper and gold earnings to $190 million, despite a 17 per cent rise in copper production to 363,000 tonnes.

Profits from copper were further affected by a fall in refined copper production because of delays in building up production at Kennecott's new smelter in the US. The company said that had the smelter been operating at full capacity, metal earnings would have been up by $100 million.

The company said that the review of the exploration portfolio of the combined RTZ-CRA group had been completed. Eliminating duplication and marginal programmes will save $50 million per year.

RTZ hopes to raise production levels at its Grasberg copper mine to about 200,000 tonnes a day. Engineering work is almost complete and construction work 36 per cent complete at the Lihir gold mine in Papua New Guinea.

RTZ has ceased work at the Century Zinc project in Australia while the company negotiates with aboriginal claimants under the right-to-negotiate procedures of the Native Title Act.

RTZ is paying a 10.6p interim, up from 10.5p on earnings of 25.8p (32p). The company expects the interim to represent about one third of the final payout.

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Hamish Bryce said that the group held its market share

TLG shares plummet after profit warning

By Fraser Nelson

SHARES of TLG plunged from 170½p to 92½p yesterday after the light fittings mnaufacturer said trading conditions in Europe had worsened and predicted its interim profits would be significantly behind last year's. The shares recovered slightly to close at 108½p.

Hamish Bryce, its chairman, said that while TLG had retained its market share, markets had deteriorated across Europe. However, he added that the group expected to recover its lost sales in its second half.

The French lighting market was the worst hit, he said, falling 8 per cent compared with last year. The Swedish market fell 7 per cent, the UK market 5 per cent and the German market 4 per cent.

The group said its interim profits would be between £8 million and £8.5 million against the £11.4 million achieved last time.

Laing sees housing improve

John Laing, the building group, said there have been improvements in the housing market in the South East and signs of recovery in the construction sector.

Laing's pre-tax profits fell to £8.8 million, from £9.7 million, in the half year to June 30. The dividend is held at 3p.

The company is optimistic about prospects. Turnover rose to £574 million (£553.2 million). Net cash has risen to £63.5 million (£25.4 million a year ago), and recent contracts should ensure steady work.

Headlam up

Headlam Group, the floorcoverings and fashion distribution group, said UK customers were reporting a sustainable rise in demand by consumers. Interim pre-tax profits were £4.4 million, up from £3.1 million. The dividend is 1.45p (1.2p).

Lambert ahead

Lambert Howarth, the footwear and homeware group, is holding its interim dividend at 2.25p. Pre-tax profits were £790,000 in the half year to June, up from £630,000.

Hall higher

Hall Engineering, the wire and automotive products manufacturer, lifted pre-tax profits to £5.3 million (£3.4 million) in the half to June 30, aided by a £1.33 million profit on a disposal. The interim dividend is 3.775p (same).

Enterprise forms US alliance

By Carl Mortished

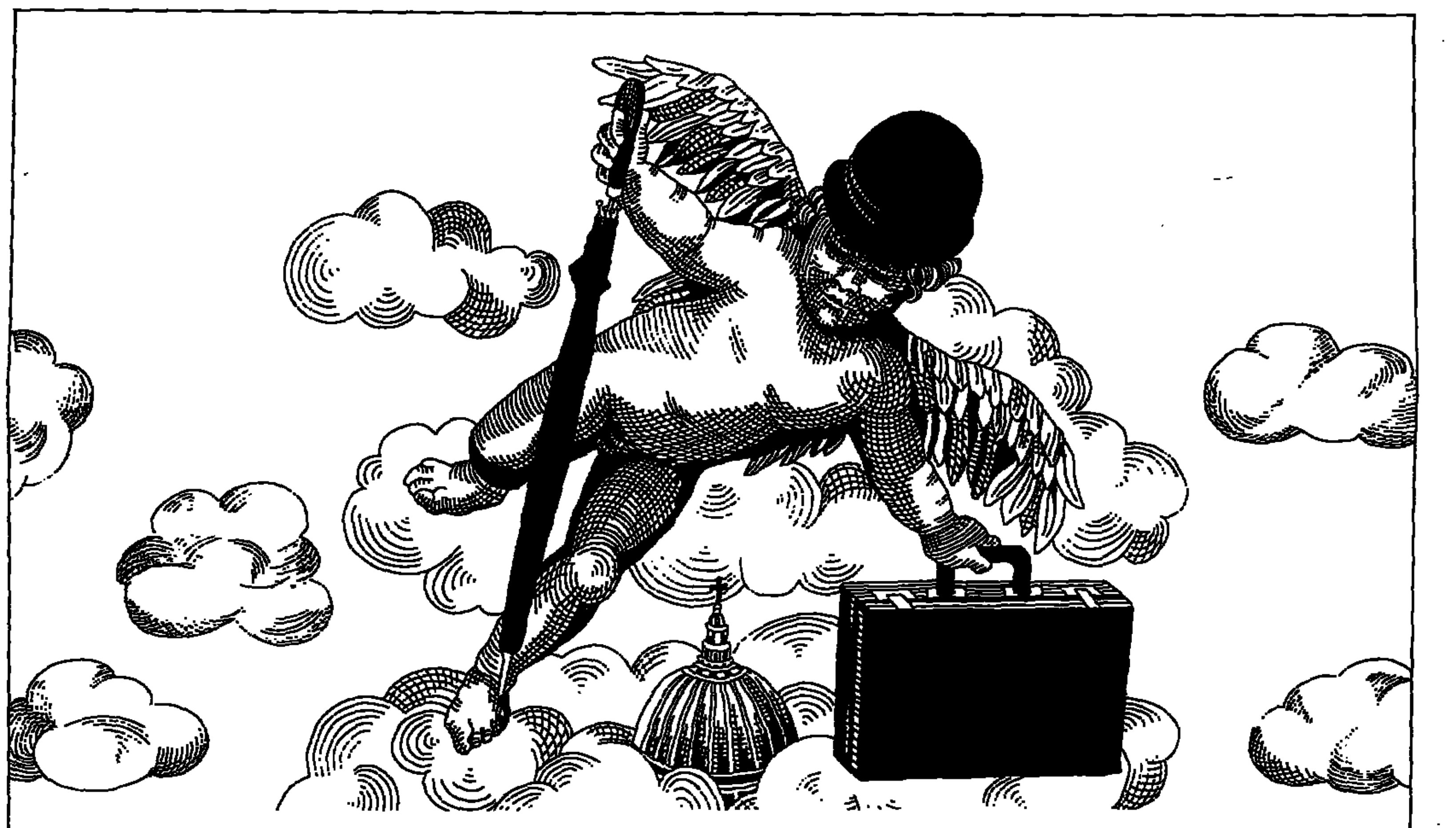
ENTERPRISE Oil has agreed a strategic alliance with Pennzoil, the US energy group, that will give the UK company a stake in Pennzoil's extensive exploration prospects in the Gulf of Mexico.

The agreement is Enterprise's first venture in the US and will commit it to invest drilling new wells in return for a half share in each prospect.

The US venture came as Enterprise announced net profits of £73.8 million for the half year to June, an increase of 59 per cent on the first six months of 1995. Record oil and gas production of 204,802 barrels per day, up 2 per cent on last year, helped to raise profits as did an increase in £10.83 in 1995 to £12.28 in the first six months of the year.

It is maintaining the interim dividend at 6.5p a share, payable from earnings that rose 65 per cent to 13.5p a share.

Graham Hearne, chairman said the group was on track to replace reserves this year and increase production to 300,000 barrels per day by 1999.



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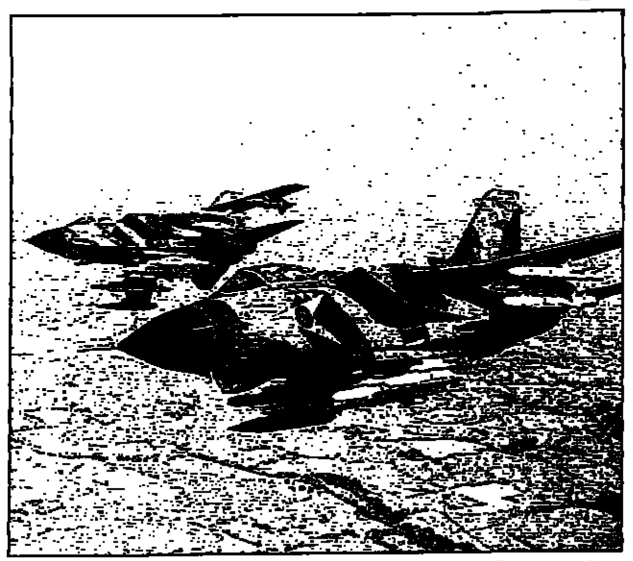
Strong results help shares to record closing high



Shares in BAe, supplier of Tornado aircraft, soared

THE stock market recovered its head for heights yesterday as it leapt ahead to a record closing high.

The FT-SE 100 closed at 3,932.6, a rise of 27 points, and just a fraction below the peak reached during trading hours earlier in the week.

A raft of strong corporate results fuelled the market's optimism, helped by gains on Wall Street. The market shrugged off slightly worse than expected price rises in August that trimmed the annual rate of inflation to 2.1 per cent from 2.2 per cent in July.

With more buyers than sellers in the market, prices were squeezed higher across the board, adding £5 billion to share values by the close. Dealers expect to be busy again today, with the market now setting its sights on the 4,000 level.

British Aerospace took off after announcing first-half profits of £215 million and a higher than forecast dividend of 6.25p. A solid performance from its defence division, a strong order book boosted by orders to supply Tornado combat aircraft to Saudi Arabia and a new Nimrod contract in the UK, together with signs of improvement in commercial operations prompted several analysts to upgrade figures for the full year to £415 million pre-tax. The shares soared 38p to 1050½p.

Details of restructuring plans at **BTR**, the industrials group, were well received. Shares rose 9½p to 275½p as it announced pre-exceptional profits of £626 million (£706 million) and the £182 million sale of Hawker Siddeley Electric Powe to **FKI**, whose shares jumped 11p to 205p.

Shares in **RTZ**, the mining group, rose 31p to 961½p. This came in spite of a dip in first-half profits and some caution in the market as to second-half prospects, given the falling price of copper.

Better than expected interim results and an encouraging outlook for the year cheered shares in **Caradon**, the building products group, 28½p higher to 249½p. The brighter outlook helped others in the sector, including **Pilkington**, which rose 6p to 200p. **United Biscuits** rose 10p to 212½p as it reported half-year profits of £42.8 million in line with market forecasts.

Shares in **United News &Media**, publisher of the *Daily Express*, rose 6p to 711½p after surprising the market with better than expected figures. In its first set of results since merging with MAI, United News lifted pretax profits before exceptionals 21.5 per cent to £151.9 million.

A healthy dividend increase and strong first-half figures boosted **Legal & General**. Its shares, which are to be split in a five-for-two division, rose 17p to 745½p as analysts upgraded forecasts for the full year to around £300 million.

Reports that **Eurotunnel** had agreed a debt for equity deal with its banks prompted a rise of 11p to 112½p. Also moving ahead was **Railtrack**, which reversed recent profit losses to add 14½p to 284½p.

Gloom settled on **TLG**, formerly Thorn Lighting, casting a small shadow on the generally buoyant market.A warning that first-half profits would be hard hit by difficult conditions in Europe, sent its shares crashing 61p to 109½p, a fall of 55 per cent. The fall took TLG below the issue price of 115p at which it floated in October 1994.

The oil sector was back in the spotlight once again. The price of crude oil moved ahead on international markets as worries grew over renewed tension in Iraq.

Shell announced a near 12 per cent rise in its interim dividend to 14.4p and the shares rose 3p to 969½p. Higher oil prices in the first half helped fuel the 59 per cent increase by **Enterprise Oil** in net income to £73.8 million. The expected improvement failed to excite the shares, which slid 2½p to 522p. **British Gas**, nudged ahead ½p to 199½p after failing to inspire analysts with first-half figures and an unchanged dividend. The group says it is making progress with negotiations over take-or-pay contracts, but analysts are keeping a keener eye on developments in its row with the regulator.

Shares in **ScottishTV** edged ahead by 3p to 702½p after it revealed record profits of £10.3 million. It also announced a link up with **BSkyB** to broadcast a new channel, Sky Scottish, from November. Shares in BSkyB rose 8½p to 571½p.

More evidence of brighter times for the housing market emerged as **John Laing**, the building group, reported an *improving picture* and the return of the "feel-good" factor. The shares responded with a 13½p increase to 258p. **Countryside Properties** buoyed by Laing, moved up 4p to 70p on heavy turnover as more than three million shares changed hands.

The profits warning earlier in the week continued to leave a sour taste at **Matthew Clark**, the drinks group. Its shares fell a further 12p to 343½p while **HP Bulmer**, the cider group, fizzed ahead 15p to 567.5p after an upbeat trading statement at its annual meeting.

A cautious note from BZW, the broker, took the gloss off **ICI**, which fell 7p to 838½p, while record passenger figures for August prompted a modest 1½p rise to 472½p at **BAA**.

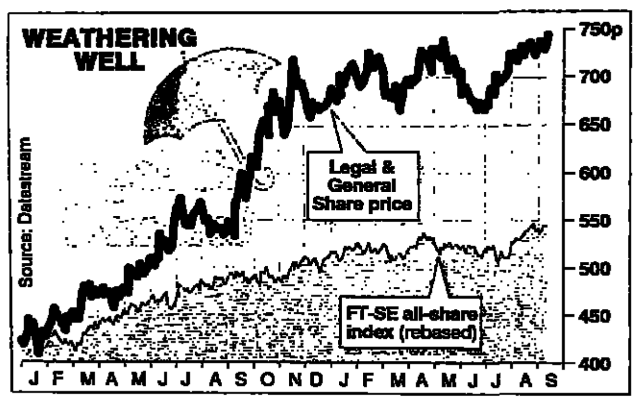
Inspec, the chemicals group that received a 98 per cent take-up for its £101.5 million rights issue saw its shares close 8½p higher.

GILT-EDGED: After a quiet morning, trading picked up in the afternoon with prices pushed higher following stronger markets in Germany and the US.

In futures, the December series closed up $^{9}/_{32}$ at £106$^{26}/_{32}$ on volume of 47,000 contracts. In shorts, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 rose $^{4}/_{32}$ to £103$^{14}/_{32}$, while in longs, the Treasury 8 per cent 2015 rose $^{9}/_{32}$ to £98$^{16}/_{32}$.

☐ **NEW YORK**: Stocks were higher at midday , with the Dow Jones industrial average just a whisker away from its record high of 5,796.10 after the US producer price index showed tame inflation. The Dow was up 34.77 points to 5,789.69.

Cheerier noises coming from the housing market helped to lift retailers. Carpetright rose 16p to 591½p, Courts Furniture 32½p to 917½p, and Essex Furniture 6p to 94½p. By contrast, the "feel-bad" factor affected shares in Manchester United after their defeat by Juventus, which knocked the price 4p lower.



MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):

Dow Jones	5789.69 (+34.77)
S&P Composite	671.50 (+4.22)

Tokyo:

Nikkei Average	20443.93 (+127.11)

Hong Kong:

Hang Seng	11251.72 (+15.36)

Amsterdam:

EOE Index	564.90 (+2.83)

Sydney:

AO	2236.6 (-9.7)

Frankfurt:

DAX	2570.32 (+3.52)

Singapore:

Straits	2116.44 (+13.48)

Brussels:

General	9648.91 (+3.37)

Paris:

CAC-40	2065.37 (+27.31)

Zurich:

SKA Gen	773.90 (+1.70)

London:

FT 30	2833.3 (+17.3)
FT 100	3932.6 (+27.0)
FT-SE Mid 250	4432.3 (+14.0)
FT-SE-A 350	1965.4 (+11.9)
FT-SE Eurotrack 100	1676.88 (+11.22)
FT A All-Share	1941.90 (+11.08)
FT Non Financials	2047.73 (+12.26)
FT Fixed Interest	112.93 (+0.06)
FT Govt Secs	92.89 (+0.03)
Bargains	36913
SEAQ Volume	691.3m
USM (Datastrm)	208.41 (-0.14)
US$	1.5551 (+0.0004)
German Mark	2.3510 (+0.0037)
Exchange Index	86.3 (+0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)	
£:ECU	1.2315
£:SDR	1.0769
RPI	153.1 Aug (2.1%) Jan 1987=100
RPIX	152.8 Aug (2.8%) Jan 1987=100

RECENT ISSUES

Amer Opps U Ln	100	...
Barbican Health	64½	...
Dairy Crest Gp	182½	- 6
Dentmaster Hldgs	4	...
Electronic Retail	241	...
Fayrewood	45½	...
Gabriel Trust (16)	20	...
Gartland Whalley	109½	...
Grosvenor Land	13½	...
Hambros Smlr Asn C	65	...
Hoare Govett 1000 C	97½	...
Life Numbers	12	...
Life Numbers Wts	5	...
Pemberstone Wnts	7	...
Polydoc	70½	...
Schrod Em Cntrs C	373½	...
Schrod Emg Cou Wts	38½	...
Schrod Emg Countrs	94	+ ½
Selector	68	...
St James Place Cptl	87½	...
Value Realisation	71	...
Walker, Crips, Wddle	69	- 1

RIGHTS ISSUES

Ronson n/p (25)	1	...
Stagecoach n/p (410)	123	...
Traffcmstr n/p (290)	38½	...
Wyko Group n/p (123)	15	...

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:

Eurotunnel Uts	112½p (+11p)
Danka Bs Sys	655p (+55p)
Delphi	555p (+30p)
Laing (J)	258p (+13½p)
Wolseley	464p (+22p)
RTZ	961p (+30½p)
Chiroscience	386p (+10½p)
Dorling Kind	520½p (+14p)
Courtaulds	459p (+10½p)
Legal & Gen	744p (+15½p)

FALLS:

Cortecs	261½p (-19p)
London Clubs	274½p (-12p)
Matthew Clark	343½p (-12p)
Travis Perkins	461p (-13p)
Pet City	355p (-10p)
Caird GP	645p (-15p)
Avon Rubber	700p (-12½p)
De La Rue	612½p (-10p)
Whitecroft	170½p (-10p)

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TEMPUS

Take-or-pay day

HOW do you get out of an onerous contract? There are only three exit routes: run, sue or pay. British Gas clearly cannot run from its take-or-pay obligations while litigation is messy and inconclusive, even assuming BG could find in the contracts a sufficiently ambiguous clause on which to hang a writ.

The only plausible solution is to pay, but BG has a problem. To be let off the hook requires cash up front, representing the present value of the contracts to the oil companies. BG Energy would get a nice discount for early payment, but it has no money to pay off the £1.5 billion take-or-pay liability.

However it does have some attractive assets, namely the Morecambe Bay gasfield. Moreover, Shell and BP have cash coming out of their ears and are unlikely to be clamouring for ready money. What is certainly being discussed now is how the £3.5 billion Morecambe Bay cake is to be carved up.

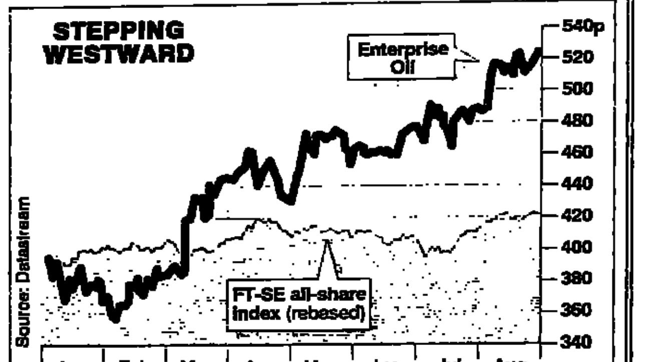
What will then be left of British Gas Energy for its new investors following the demerger? Possibly half of Morecambe Bay, a few large computers, a management team and a (shrinking) customer list. That does not look anenticing prospect for investors, whatever one thinks of the management team. Yet there are grounds to believe that BG Energy could be a more exciting investment than Transco, the pipeline utility with an exploration sideline. The latter will be a dull investment, paying a dividend with little upside, constantly fighting the regulator for every crumb of revenue. BG Energy on the other hand has everything to play for, no dividend to pay and nothing to lose. When the time comes, it could be a very interesting punt.

Enterprise Oil

THE enthusiasm of oil companies for the Gulf of Mexico is in inverse ratio to their dwindling interest in South-East Asia. Enterprise has had little success in Indochina, a factor which three years ago left the City with the feeling that it was a *busted flush in exploration* terms. Yesterday's results proved them wrong, with Norway and Italy filling the gap. But the decision to move into the Gulf, where every oilman and his dog has put up a tent, raises a concern that Enterprise will be out of its depth.

The British company is contributing cash and, in return, will get a half share in a substantial slug of equity — Pennzoil's average working interest in the leases is over 80 per cent — but as important is the chance to study the seismic data available, as the entire Gulf has been pored over by an army of freelance geologists.

This is a more certain business than hanging about in Hanoi or Phnom Penh, negotiating with governments that demand an ever higher percentage of each barrel of oil recovered. *Royalties in the Gulf range from* 12 to 16 per cent with income tax at 35 per cent, comparable with the UK, but well below the 80 per cent or more demanded in some developing countries. Enterprise should be able to raise the dividend this year and next while substantially replenishing reserves. For oil companies, *that means* having the cake and eating it.



RTZ-CRA

SURE enough; after RTZ-CRA revealed the detail of the wounds caused by Sumitomo and the copper price, shares in the Anglo-Australian mining group rose.

The reaction is sensible, given the likelihood that copper has reached a floor. There could still be some downward pressure as investors who took over long Sumitomo positions reduce their holdings. But demand for base metals is said to be buoyant in Asia and rising in Europe, although America could weaken. While the outlook on demand for RTZ's products looks broadly favourable, the bulls tend to ignore the supply side which is also looking buoyant.

RTZ is not the only mining group with ambitious expansion plans and copper is ready for a production surge with huge mines in Chile expected to come on stream. The merger with CRA reduced RTZ's exposure to the metal from 42 per cent to 30 per cent of profit.

With copper prices stable or falling the argument to buy RTZ shares remains a flight to quality. CRA has reinforced that effect as Australians tend to value mining stocks more aggressively and view RTZ as top of the heap. Whether that justifies a 20 per cent premium to the market is questionable.

United Biscuits

UNITED BISCUITS results did, as hoped, show that recovery is under way, particularly in the UK. But the news from Australia showed what fiendishly fickle markets the company has to deal with, and what cunning competitors lurk in the bush.

Australian sales of snacks produced by PepsiCo, makers of the very successful Walkers crisps, shot up in the last six months because of the introduction of Tazos, little plastic gifts that kids love to collect and which have already taken Britain by storm. Eric Nicoli, UB chief executive, described what happened in Australia in the last half as "the commercial equivalent of a nuclear attack."

Australia is a large market for UB accounting for most of its Asia Pacific sales, UB had hoped to see good growth this year in Australia, but those hopes have been dashed. Instead, recovering market share has become its priority.

UB's Australian market share has gone from 56 per cent to 52.5 per cent. UB remains in a strong position and is confident that its response to Tazos - cards that glow in the dark and which it has called Oddbodz - will mean it can recover lost market share.

But even if it does, the episode does not cast UB in a good light. UB will have to spend a lot on promotion. It cannot afford to be caught on the hop again.

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COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	965-955	Dec	1058 BID
Dec	986-985	Mar	1074-1071
Mar	1006-1005	May	1078 BID
May	1015 BID	Jul	1087-1080
Jul	1031-1030		
Sep	1045 BID		Volume: 3705

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1577-1575	May	1418-1411
Nov	1521-1520	Jul	1403-1398
Jan	1475-1470	Sep	1410-1390
Mar	1430-1429		Volume: 5252

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		May	340.7-38.8
Spot: 354.4		Aug	340.0-37.8
Oct	346.7-46.0	Oct	329.7-27.5
Dec	343.2-42.6	Dec	330.7-28.0
Mar	342.1-40.3		Volume: 2757

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 11

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	110.29	120.41	95.58
(+/-)	+2.02	-2.68	+0.07
Eng/Wales:	110.29	121.00	94.70
(+/-)	+2.02	-2.37	-0.40
(%)	+26.0	-7.0	+25.0
Scotland:	unq	118.93	99.22
(+/-)	—	-3.34	+2.21
(%)	—	+6.0	+10.0

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm)

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	23.40	+0.05
Brent 15 day (Oct)	23.70	+0.30
Brent 15 day (Nov)	22.95	+0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Oct)	24.75	+0.10
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	24.10	+0.10

PRODUCTS ($/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Unld	223 (+1)	225 (+1)
Gasoil EEC	227 (+3)	228 (+3)
3.5 Fuel Oil	115 (+3)	117 (+3)
Naphtha	210 (+2)	212 (+2)

IPE FUTURES (GNI Ltd)

GAS OIL

Oct	219.50-19.75	Jan	200.00-00.50
Nov	212.75-13.00	Feb	n/a
Dec	n/a		Vol: 27518

BRENT (6.00pm)

Oct	23.68-23.70	Jan	n/a
Nov	22.93-22.94	Feb	21.00 SLR
Dec	22.30 BID		Vol: 55189

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Sep	102.50
Nov	104.50
Jan	106.50
Mar	108.15
May	110.15
	Volume: 1251

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	97.80
Nov	100.20
Jan	101.75
Mar	103.70
May	106.00
	Volume: 167

POTATO (£/t)

	Open	Close
Nov	unq	40.0
Mar	...	75.0
Apr	68.0	70.0
		Volume: 118

RUBBER (No 1 RSS Cif p/kg)

Oct 89.50-90.00

BIFFEX (GNI Ltd $10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 96	1050	1020	1030
Oct 96	1160	1134	1135
Nov 96	1215	1202	1205
Jan 97	1235	1227	1230
Vol: 529 lots		Open interest: 3680	

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LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1885.0-1886.0	1874.0-1875.0	1377275
Lead ($/tonne)	810.00-810.50	813.00-814.00	161875
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	986.50-987.00	1012.0-1013.0	580400
Tin ($/tonne)	6090.0-6100.0	6150.0-6155.0	15660
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1399.0-1400.0	1434.0-1434.5	1462025
Nickel ($/tonne)	7455.0-7465.0	7550.0-7560.0	66192

LIFFE OPTIONS

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
Alld Dom	460	14	24	32	8	22½	28
(*464½)	500	1½	8½	16½	36	50	53½
ASDA	100	9½	12½	14	0½	2½	3½
(*108½)	110	3	7	8½	4	6½	7½
Boots	600	40	50	62½	1½	11½	15½
(*635)	650	8½	21	33½	20	33½	37½
Br Airways	500	24½	35½	46	4½	14½	18½
(*517½)	550	3	13	23	33½	41½	45
BP	600	52½	61½	70½	1	7½	13
(*648½)	650	13½	29½	39½	13½	24½	32
Br Steel	180	13	16	19½	1½	6	8½
(*190½)	200	2½	6½	10½	11	17	19
C & W	420	24	34	44	4	11	18½
(*438)	460	5	14½	24½	24½	32	39
CU	590	50½	63½	71½	1	6½	10
(*596½)	600	13	32½	40½	13½	23½	41
ICI	800	47½	68½	78½	5½	17	27
(*839)	850	16½	39	49	24	37½	50
Land Sec	700	14	26½	37½	10	21	26½
(*700½)	750	1	9	17	49½	56	58
M & S	500	14½	25	34	8	16½	21
(*504)	550	1	6½	13	46	49	52
Nat West	650	30	50	58½	8½	18½	33
(*668½)	700	7	25	33½	35½	44	60½
Safeway plc	330	14	22½	30½	6	13	18
(*337½)	360	2½	9	17	24	30	34½
Sainsbury	360	29½	35	43	1	5½	9
(*386½)	390	8½	16½	25	10	17	21
Shell	950	24	42½	56	13½	23½	35½
(*969)	1000	3	19	31	47	52½	64
Smkl Bch	736	38½	—	—	7	—	—
(*765)	785	13	—	—	28	—	—
Storehse	300	22	—	—	1	—	—
(*319)	330	4	—	—	13½	—	—
Trafalgar	50	1	—	—	0½	—	—
(*50)	60	0	—	—	10	—	—
Zeneca	1500	69½	112	139½	25½	52	72½
(*1547½)	1550	37½	86	112	49	75½	95

	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAT Ind	420	30	37½	44½	11	14½	27
(*434½)	460	11½	18½	26	32½	36	47
Vodafone	220	21	24	30	4	7	9½
(*235)	240	9½	13	19½	12½	15½	18½

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Grnd Met	460	31	40	45½	7	17	20½
(*479½)	500	10½	19½	26	26½	38½	41½
Ladbroke	200	11½	16½	19½	6	8½	11½
(*207)	220	3	7½	10½	18	20	23
Utd Bisc	200	17	21	23	3½	7	11½
(*212)	220	6½	11½	13½	14	17½	22½

	Series	Calls Oct	Calls Jan	Calls Apr	Puts Oct	Puts Jan	Puts Apr
BAA	460	19½	28½	37	6	14½	18½
(*470½)	500	3	11	18½	30½	37½	40½
Thames W.	550	16½	27	39	8	23½	29½
(*554)	600	1½	8	19	46	57½	61

	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BTR	260	16	22½	25½	5	7½	11½
(*273½)	280	6	12	15½	15	17½	21½
Br Aero	1000	66	90½	102	15	26	35
(*1051)	1050	36	61	74	35	46½	56½
Br Telcm	360	21½	28	32	5½	13	17
(*373)	390	6½	12½	17½	21	29	33
Cadbury	500	22½	35½	39	15	20½	30
(*507½)	550	5½	15	18½	50	52½	60½
Guinness	460	17½	28½	35	13	18	25½
(*466)	500	3½	12	17½	40	43	50
GEC	360	31	37	44	3½	8½	11½
(*384½)	390	11½	19	26	14½	20½	23
Hanson	140	20½	22½	—	0½	3	—
(*158½)	160	6½	9½	—	6½	10	—
LASMO	200	16	21½	25	3	5½	7½
(*211)	220	5½	11	15	12	14½	17
LucasVarity	230	24	31	34½	4	6½	9½
(*239)	240	11½	19	23½	11½	14½	18
Pilkingtn	200	8	14½	19	8½	11½	13½
(*200)	230	1½	7	11	22	24½	25½
Prudential	420	28½	40	44½	7	12½	21
(*443)	460	9	20½	24	27½	33	42
Redland	460	22½	35½	44½	14	20	27
(*471½)	500	6½	18	26	39	43	49
R-Royce	220	18½	25	29	4	7½	10½
(*235)	240	7	14	18	13	16½	20
Tesco	300	16	25½	30½	6½	11	17
(*311)	330	4	12	16½	25	27½	33
Williams	360	11½	—	—	11½	—	—
(*364)	390	2½	—	—	33½	—	—

FT-SE INDEX (*3930½)

	3800	3850	3900	3950	4000	4050
Calls						
Sep	139	90	46	14	2	1
Oct	159½	109½	72	42	20½	9
Nov	173½	135½	101½	72	47½	29
Dec	209½	164½	131	98	71	48½
Jun	283	—	221	—	172	—
Puts						
Sep	2	3½	9½	30½	75	125
Oct	15½	23	36	56½	86½	126½

	Series	Calls Sep	Calls Dec	Calls Apr	Puts Sep	Puts Dec	Puts Apr
Abby Nat	600	7½	31½	44½	6½	22	39½
(*601½)	650	0	11½	23	48½	53½	69½
Amstrad	140	13	19	—	0½	6	—
(*152½)	160	1	9	—	10	16	—
Barclays	900	41½	69½	87½	0½	15	33½
(*940)	950	6	39½	58½	15	35	56½
Blue Circ	360	21½	32½	39	0½	7	9½
(*381)	390	1½	15	21½	10½	19½	22
Br Gas	180	19½	21	23½	0	3½	5
(*199½)	200	2½	7½	11½	3	12	14½
Dixons	550	21½	42½	54½	1	14	22
(*570)	600	0½	17½	30½	30	39½	47½
Forte	343	42½	—	—	0	—	—
(*385½)	373	12½	—	—	0½	—	—
Tarmac	90	6½	9	11	0	4	4½
(*96)	100	1	4	6	4½	9	9½
Hillsdwn	180	3½	9½	13½	1	7½	9½
(*182½)	200	0	2½	5½	17½	21	22
Lonrho	160	19	23	25	0	1½	3½
(*179)	180	2	9½	12½	3	8	11½
Sears	90	5½	8½	—	0	2½	—
(*95)	100	0½	4	—	5	7½	—
Thorn EMI	1700	71	116	—	1½	22	—
(*1768½)	1800	6	55	—	35½	63	—
Tomkins	260	3½	14	18½	3½	10½	15
(*260½)	280	0	6	9½	19½	22½	26½
Lloyds TSB	360	24	36	41½	0	6½	15
(*383½)	390	3	18	24½	9	18½	30

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Glaxo W	900	51	77	96	7	30	35
(*941)	950	19	47	67½	25	49½	56½
HSBC	1150	30	73	92½	19½	40½	62
(*1161½)	1200	17	48	67½	48	66½	89
Reuter	750	31	56½	72½	14½	25	39½
(*767½)	800	8½	31½	47½	42	50½	64½

	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Royal & Sun	394	14	23½	29	10	18½	29
(*400)	431	1½	9½	14	38	43	53

	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Kingfishr	650	29½	53½	64½	10	24	33½
(*674)	700	6½	29	39	37	50	59

	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Unilever	1350	39½	55	81	10	22½	32
(*1373)	1400	13	29	53	34½	47½	56

	Series	Sep	Dec	Apr	Sep	Dec	Apr
Natl Pwr	360	22½	31½	39½	0½	8½	13½
(*382)	400	0½	10	19½	19	27	32

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Sett	Vol
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 63779	Sep 96	3920.0	3944.0	3911.0	3935.0	13670
	Dec 96	3944.0	3966.0	3938.0	3959.0	6620
FT-SE 250 Previous open interest: 3890	Sep 96				4431.0	0
	Dec 96				4466.0	0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 470543	Sep 96	94.17	94.17	94.15	94.16	8030
	Dec 96	94.18	94.20	94.15	94.18	16965
	Mar 97	94.00	94.04	93.97	94.02	15742
Three Mth Euro Yen	Mar 97	99.07	99.07	99.07	99.07	70
	Jun 97	98.88	98.88	98.88	98.87	150
Three Mth Euro DM Previous open interest: 1103359	Sep 96	96.87	96.88	96.86	96.88	15818
	Dec 96	96.77	96.80	96.77	96.79	30550
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 131438	Sep 96	107-09	107-20	107-09	107-17	3257
	Dec 96	106-19	106-30	106-14	106-26	46901
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 96	121.23	121.31	121.17	121.27	1920
	Mar 97	120.25	120.25	120.25	120.27	1
German Gov Bd Bund Previous open interest: 196565	Dec 96	97.15	97.29	97.08	97.22	131394
	Mar 97	96.24	96.24	96.24	96.24	92
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 27007	Sep 96	95.71	95.74	95.71	95.73	1348
	Dec 96	95.69	95.73	95.69	95.72	818
Euro Swiss Franc Previous open interest: 85965	Sep 96	97.90	97.95	97.88	97.94	4097
	Dec 96	97.84	97.90	97.84	97.88	7927
Italian Govmt Bond Previous open interest: 59895	Dec 96	116.72	116.95	116.66	116.79	38825
	Mar 97				116.14	0

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 5¾ Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 5¾ Low 5½ Week fixed: 5$^{11}/_{16}$
Treasury Bills (Dis):Buy: 2 mth 5½ : 3 mth 5$^{15}/_{32}$. Sell: 2 mth 5$^{7}/_{16}$: 3 mth: 5½ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5⅝	5¾-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5¾-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5¾-5$^{11}/_{16}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5$^{23}/_{32}$	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5$^{23}/_{32}$	5$^{27}/_{32}$-5$^{25}/_{32}$	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	6⅛-6
Interbank:	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5$^{23}/_{32}$	6$^{27}/_{32}$-5$^{25}/_{32}$	5$^{27}/_{32}$-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5⅞	6⅛-6

Overnight: open 5¾, close 5¾ .

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Local Authority Deps:	5$^{13}/_{16}$	n/a	5$^{13}/_{16}$	5$^{15}/_{16}$	6
Sterling CDs:	5¾-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5¾-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5¾-5$^{11}/_{16}$	5⅞-5$^{13}/_{16}$	5$^{11}/_{16}$-5$^{15}/_{16}$
Dollar CDs:	5.38	n/a	5.53	5.75	6.11
Building Society CDs:	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5$^{23}/_{32}$	5$^{25}/_{32}$-5$^{23}/_{32}$	5$^{27}/_{32}$-5$^{25}/_{32}$	5$^{29}/_{32}$-5$^{27}/_{32}$	6-5$^{15}/_{16}$

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5½-4⅞	5⅜-5¼	5⅝-5½	5⅞-5¾	5-4
Deutschemark:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2$^{15}/_{16}$	3⅛-3	3⅛-3	3⅛-2⅞
French Franc:	3⅞-3½	3⅞-3¾	3⅞-3¾	3$^{15}/_{16}$-3$^{13}/_{16}$	4-3
Swiss Franc:	1⅞-1½	1⅞-1½	1$^{15}/_{16}$-1¾	2$^{3}/_{16}$-2$^{1}/_{16}$	2½-1½
Yen:	$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	⅝-½	$^{9}/_{16}$-$^{7}/_{16}$	⅝-½	1-par

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Bullion: Open $382.00-382.30 Close: $382.30-382.80 High: $382.75-383.35
Low: $381.50-382.00 AM: $382.20 PM: $382.10

Krugerrand: $381.00-384.00 (£245.00-247.00)

Platinum: $390.00 (£250.50) **Silver:** $5.01 (£3.215) **Palladium:** $121.75 (£78.20)

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for Sept 12	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.6291-2.6380	2.6340-2.6366	½-⅜pr	2-1¾pr
Brussels	48.290-48.490	48.370-48.463	13-8pr	35-28pr
Copenhagen	9.0410-9.0710	9.0567-9.0672	1⅞-1⅛pr	4⅞-3⅞pr
Dublin	0.9648-0.9681	0.9660-0.9673	3-1pr	3pr-3ds
Frankfurt	2.3487-2.3537	2.3505-2.3531	⅞-⅝pr	1⅞-1⅝pr
Lisbon	240.06-241.14	240.61-240.92	¼-½ds	¼-1ds
Madrid	198.18-198.73	198.39-198.61	21-31ds	61-78ds
Milan	2369.6-2377.7	2375.0-2377.7	5-6ds	15-17ds
Montreal	2.1312-2.1355	2.1312-2.1333	0.32-0.27pr	0.65-0.57pr
New York	1.5540-1.5560	1.5548-1.5558	0.047-0.027pr	0.065-0.035pr
Oslo	10.059-10.091	10.070-10.081	⅝-⅛pr	⅝-⅛pr
Paris	8.0090-8.0340	8.0212-8.0279	1⅞-1⅜pr	4-3⅜pr
Stockholm	10.382-10.419	10.385-10.405	⅞-⅜pr	⅞-⅜pr
Tokyo	170.90-171.40	170.919-171.18	⅞-⅜pr	2⅞-2⅜pr
Vienna	16.502-16.564	16.540-16.559	⅞-⅜pr	1⅞-1⅜pr

DOLLAR RATES

Australia	1.2526-1.2531
Austria	10.63-10.64
Belgium (Com)	31.11-31.13
Canada	1.3705-1.3710
Denmark	5.8240-5.8275
France	5.1568-5.1588
Germany	1.5110-1.5115
Hong Kong	7.7320-7.7325
Ireland	1.6094-1.6114
Italy	1526.00-1528.00
Japan	109.95-110.06
Malaysia	2.4990-2.5000
Netherlands	1.6934-1.6940
Norway	6.4785-6.4805
Portugal	154.73-154.83
Singapore	1.4090-1.4100
Spain	127.58-127.68
Sweden	6.6780-6.6880
Switzerland	1.2338-1.2348

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5546-1.5572
Australia dollar	1.9483-1.9507
Bahrain dinar	0.5800-0.5920
Brazil real*	1.5810-1.5852
China yuan	n/a
Cyprus pound	0.7140-0.7240
Finland markka	7.0400-7.1560
Greece drachma	370.0-377.0
Hong Kong dollar	12.0264-12.0310
India rupee	55.12-56.08
Indonesia rupiah	3587.0-3655.6
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4615-0.4715
Malaysia ringgit	3.8862-3.8890
New Zealand dollar	2.2364-2.2387
Pakistan rupee	56.90 Buy
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.6000-5.7240
Singapore dollar	2.1916-2.1938
S Africa rand (com)	6.9250-7.0270
U A E dirham	5.6475-5.7715

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

FT-SE VOLUMES

3i	1,200	Marks Spr	2,900
ASDA Gp	3,900	NatWst Bk	9,000
Abbey Ntl	2,800	Nat Grid	2,100
Allied Dom	1,500	Nat Power	4,800
Argos	1,100	Next	516
AB Foods	202	Orange	4,400
BAA	1,300	P & O	1,800
BAT Inds	7,000	Pearson	543
BOC	2,000	Pilkington	3,300
BP	4,200	PowerGen	2,500
BSkyB	1,600	Prudential	3,200
BTR	28,100	RMC	291
BT	3,900	RTZ	3,700
Bk of Scot	1,300	Railtrack	15,800
Barclays	4,100	Rank Org	2,800
Bass	852	Reckitt Col	2,200
Blue Circle	936	Redland	1,600
Boots	1,700	Reed Intl	1,100
BAe	2,700	Rentokil	2,700
BA	7,100	Reuters	3,700
Brit Gas	5,000	Rolls Royce	7,800
Brit Steel	3,500	Royal & Sun	3,500
Burmah Cstl	265	Royal Bk Sct	4,700
Burton	5,300	Safeway	2,200
Cable Wire	6,000	Sainsbury	1,700
Cadbury	3,400	Schroders	145
Carlton Cms	924	Scot & New	639
Cm Union	846	Scot Power	2,400
Courtaulds	3,300	Svrn Trent	157
Dixons	2,500	Shell Trans	7,500
EMI	744	Siebe	476
Enterpr Oil	4,100	SmKl Bch	2,300
GKN	277	Smith Nph	5,200
GRE	472	Smiths Inds	487
GUS	2,700	Sthern Elec	1,700
Gen Acc	601	Std Chartd	2,300
Gen Elec	5,700	TI Gp	949
Glaxo Well	4,900	Tate & Lyle	457
Granada	754	Tesco	4,600
Grand Met	3,000	Thames W	1,900
Guinness	1,400	Thorn	2,000
HSBC	929	Tomkins	2,100
Hanson	20,500	Unilever	2,600
ICI	4,300	Utd Utilities	3,600
Kingfisher	2,400	Utd News	2,300
LASMO	3,600	Vodafone	5,000
Ladbroke	1,100	Whitbread	852
Land Secs	1,100	Wlms Hld	4,200

WALL STREET

	Sep 12 midday	Sep 11 close
AMP Inc	39⅝	39⅝
AMR Corp	79¾	78⅛
ASA	39⅛	39⅝
AT & T	55½	55
Abbott Labs	47½	46⅞
Advanced Micro	13	13
Aetna Life	68⅝	68
Ahmanson (HF)	26⅞	26⅞
Air Prod & Chem	56½	56⅞
AirTouch Comm	28⅛	27⅝
Alberto-Culver B	41¾	41½
Albertson's	41½	41¾
Alcan Alumnm	30⅞	30⅞
Alco Standard	48	46½
Allied Signal	64½	63½
Alum Co of Am	61⅞	61¾
Amax Gold Inc	6	6½
Amerada Hess	53⅞	54⅛
Amer Brands	41⅞	41¾
Amer El Power	40⅛	40½
Amer Express	43⅞	43⅞
Amer Genl Corp	37½	37⅞
Amer Home Pr	61¾	61¾
Amer Intl	97⅞	97⅞
Amer Stores	39⅞	39⅝
Amer Standard	34½	34½
Ameritech	52½	50⅞
Amoco	70	70⅞
Anheuser-Busch	78	78⅛
Apple Computer	20⅞	21½
Archer Daniels	17⅞	17⅞
Armco	4⅞	4⅞
Armstrng Wrld	64⅝	64½
Asarco	25½	25⅞
Atl Richfield	123⅝	123⅝
Auto Data Pro	42⅝	42⅞
Avery Dennison	53	52⅝
Avon Products	48⅞	48⅞
Baker Hughes	31½	31¾
Baltim Gas & El	25½	25½
Banc One	39⅜	39⅜
BankAmerica	81¼	80⅞
Bank of NY	29⅞	29⅞
Bankers Tr NY	80⅞	80⅞
Barnett Banks	66½	66⅛
Bausch & Lomb	33⅞	33½
Baxter Intl	44½	44⅝
Bectn Dicknsn	43⅝	43½
Bell Atlantic	57⅝	56⅝
Bell Industries	15½	15⅞
BellSouth	38½	37⅞
Black & Decker	41	41
Block (H&R)	25½	25⅞
Boeing	90⅞	90⅞
Boise Cascade	32½	31⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	93½	92⅞
Browning Ferris	25⅝	25⅝
Brunswick	22⅝	21¾
Burlington Nthn	82⅞	81½
CMS Energy Corp	29⅞	29
CNA Financial	100⅞	100⅞
CPC Intl	69⅞	69⅝
CSX	51½	50⅞
Campbell Soup	76⅛	75⅝
Can Pacific	22⅞	22⅞
Carolina Pwr	34⅞	34½
Caterpillar	73⅝	72½
Central & SW	25⅞	25⅞
Champion Intl	44½	43½
Chase Manhat	78⅝	77⅞
Chevron Corp	61½	61¾
Chrysler	28⅞	27⅞
Chubb Corp	45	45⅞
Cigna Corp	119⅞	118½
Citicorp	87	86⅞
Clorox	98⅝	96⅞
Coastal Corp	41½	41½
Coca Cola	52⅞	52
Coca Cola Ent	40⅝	40
Colgate-Palmolive	83⅞	82½
Columbia Gas	57⅞	57⅞
ColumbiaHCA	56⅞	56⅝
Compaq Comp	58⅞	58
Comp Ass Int	56⅝	57⅞
Conagra	44⅞	43½
Conrail	71⅝	71¾
Cons Edison	27⅝	27⅝
Cons Nat Gas	54⅞	55⅞
Cooper Inds	40⅞	40⅝
Corestates	42⅞	41⅞
Corning Inc	39	38⅞
Crown Cork	45⅞	46⅛
Dana Corp	30	29⅝
Dayton Hudson	34½	34⅞
Deere	42⅝	42½
Delta Air Lines	69⅝	68⅞
Deluxe Corp	37½	37⅞
Digital Equip	40⅞	41
Dillard Dept St	33⅝	33⅞
Disney (Walt)	59⅞	58⅝
Dominion Res	37⅝	37⅞
Donnelley (RR)	35⅞	34⅞
Dover Corp	43⅝	43
Dow Chemical	80⅝	80½
Dow Jones	38⅝	38⅞
Dresser	30⅞	30½
Duke Power	46½	46⅝
Dun & Bradstreet	58⅞	58

	Sep 12 midday	Sep 11 close
Eastman Kodak	72⅞	73½
Eaton Corp	58	57⅝
Edison Intl	17⅝	17½
Emerson Elec	85⅞	85⅝
Engelhard Corp	21½	21½
Enron Corp	40⅝	40⅝
Entergy	26⅞	26½
Ethyl Corp	9	9
Exxon	84½	84⅞
FMC Corp	64½	64⅞
FPL Group	44	43½
Federal Express	74½	75
Fed Nat Mort	33⅞	32½
First Bk Sys	65½	65
First Union Rlty	6½	6⅞
Fleet Finl Grp	42½	42⅞
Fluor Corp	64	63½
Ford Motor	31½	31½
GTE Corp	39⅝	39
Gannett	68⅞	68⅛
Gap Inc Del	32	31¾
Gen Dynamics	65⅞	65⅝
Gen Electric	86½	86⅞
Gen Mills	55	55⅞
Gen Motors	48⅞	47¾
Gen Reinsurance	143½	143⅝
Gen Signal	41	40⅞
Genuine Parts	43½	43¾
Georgia Pac	75⅞	74⅝
Gillette	66½	65
Glaxo Wellc ADR	29⅞	29⅞
Goodrich (BF)	39⅞	39⅝
Goodyear Tire	47	46⅞
Grace (W&R)	70⅞	69⅝
Grt Atl Pac Tea	26⅞	26⅞
Great Wstn Fin	25⅞	25
Halliburton	55⅞	55⅞
Harcourt General	54½	54½
Heinz (HJ)	32½	32⅞
Hercules	49⅞	50⅝
Hershey Foods	89½	89½
Hewlett Packard	44½	44½
Hilton Hotels	103⅞	104½
Home Depot	55½	55½
Homestake Mng	16⅞	16⅞
Honeywell	62⅞	62⅞
Household Intl	80⅝	80½
Houston Inds	22⅞	22
Humana	20⅞	20⅝
ITT Corp	47	46⅞
Illinois Tool	71½	70⅞
Illinova	26⅜	25⅞
INCO	31⅞	31½
Ingersoll Rand	44½	44½
Inland Steel	18	18⅛
Intel Corp	85¼	85
IBM	117⅞	117½
Intl Flav & Fr	43½	42⅝
Intl Paper	41⅞	41
James River Va	26⅞	26½
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	49⅞	49½
Kellogg	68⅝	68½
Kerr-McGee	60⅞	60⅝
Kimberly-Clark	83	82
Kmart	10⅞	10⅞
Knight-Ridder	35	35
Lilly (Eli)	60⅞	60⅞
Limited Inc	17⅞	17⅞
Lincoln Nat	44	43½
Litton	47	47½
Liz Claiborne	35⅝	35½
Lockheed Martin	87⅞	87⅞
Louisiana Pac	22½	22⅝
MCI Comm	26½	26½
Marriott Int	54⅞	54⅞
Marsh & McLnn	93½	93
Masco Corp	29⅞	30
May Dept St	46⅞	46½
Maytag Corp	20	19⅞
McDonalds	47½	47½
McDonnell D	51½	51½
McGraw Hill	42⅞	42
Mead Corp	59⅞	58⅞
Medtronic	59⅞	59
Mellon Bk	57½	57½
Melville Corp	45	44½
Merck Inc	67½	67
Merrill Lynch	63½	63½
Microsoft	126⅞	125½
Minnesota Mine	68½	68⅞
Mobil Corp	117⅞	118½
Monsanto	32½	32⅞
Morgan (JP)	90⅝	89⅞
Motorola Inc	48⅞	49
Natl Semi	17½	17½
Natl Service Ind	37½	38
Navistar Int	9½	9½
NY Times A	32½	31½
Newmont Mng	52⅞	52⅝
Niag Mohawk	7⅞	8
Nike B	118⅞	117½
NL Industries	10⅞	10½
Noram Energy	14⅞	14½
Nordstrom	38⅞	39
Norfolk Sthrn	85⅞	84⅞
Ntrn State Pwr	45½	45⅞
Norwest Corp	38½	38½
Nynex Corp	43½	43½

	Sep 12 midday	Sep 11 close
Oracle	36⅞	36⅞
Oryx Energy Co	18	18⅛
Overseas Ship	18	18⅛
Owens Corning	37½	37½
PHH Corp	28⅞	28⅞
PPG Industries	51½	52
PNC Bank	32⅞	32⅞
PP&L Res	21⅞	21½
Paccar Inc	47⅞	47⅞
Pacificorp	20⅞	20
Pac Enterprises	30½	29⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	21½	22
Pac Telesis	33⅞	32⅝
Pall Corp	24½	24⅞
Parker Hannifin	40⅝	40⅞
Peco Energy	23⅞	23⅞
Penney (JC)	54⅝	54⅞
Pennzoil	53⅞	53⅞
Pepsico	29⅞	29⅞
Pfizer	72⅝	72⅝
Pharm & Upjhn	42⅝	43⅞
Phelps Dodge	59⅞	60
Philip Morris	91½	92
Phillips Pet	42⅞	42⅞
Pitney Bowes	50⅝	49⅝
Polaroid	43⅞	43½
PriceCostco	20⅞	21½
Procter & Gmbl	91⅞	90⅞
Providian	41⅞	41⅞
Pub Serv E & G	26⅞	26⅞
Quaker Oats	33⅞	33⅞
Ralston Purina	66⅞	64
Raychem Corp	66½	66⅞
Raytheon	51	51
Reebok Intl	34⅞	34½
Reynolds Metals	52⅝	52⅝
Rockwell Intl	54½	54½
Rohm & Haas	65½	65
Royal Dutch	155⅞	155⅞
Rubbermaid	23⅞	23½
SBC Comms	47⅞	46½
Safeco Corp	33⅞	33½
St Paul's Cos	52⅝	52
Salomon Inc	45⅝	45⅞
Sara Lee Corp	33⅝	33⅞
Schering Plough	59½	59⅝
Schlumberger	86⅞	88
Seagram	34	34
Sears Roebuck	44	44
Shell Trans	90⅞	90⅞
Sherwin Wllms	44⅞	44⅞
Skyline Corp	26⅞	26½
Snap-On-Tools	32	31½
Southern Co	22⅞	22
Sprint Corp	39⅝	39
Stanley Works	28⅞	28⅞
Sun Company	22⅝	23½
Sun Micrsys	54⅝	54½
Suntrust	39⅝	39½
Supervalu	28	28⅞
Sysco Corp	33½	33
TRW Inc	95⅞	95⅞
TCC Inds	1½	1½
Tandem Comp	11⅞	11⅞
Tandy Corp	43½	42⅝
Temple Inland	51⅞	49⅞
Tenneco	50	49⅞
Texaco	94⅞	94½
Texas Inst	45⅞	45½
Texas Utilities	40⅞	40⅝
Textron	86	86½
Time Warner	35⅞	35⅞
Times-Mirror A	44⅞	44⅝
Timken	37⅞	37⅝
Torchmark	44⅞	44½
Toys R Us	29⅞	29⅞
Transamerica	71½	71½
Travelers	45⅝	45⅝
Tribune	73⅝	72
Tyco Int	43½	43⅞
UST Inc	30	30
UAL	46⅞	46½
US Inds	27	27½
US West Comm	29	28½
USX Marathon	21½	22
Unicom	24	23½
Unilever NV	156⅞	152½
Union Camp	49⅞	48⅞
Union Carbide	45⅞	45⅞
Union Pacific	72½	71⅝
Unisys Corp	6	6⅝
USAIR Group	17½	17½
USF&G Corp	17	17½
US Life	29⅞	30
United Tech	116½	119⅞
Unocal Corp	36⅞	36⅞
VF Corp	58⅞	59
WMX Tech	32½	32⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	27⅞	26⅝
Warner-Lambert	62	61½
Wells Fargo	258½	258⅞
Westinghouse El	17½	17
Weyerhaeuser	45½	44½
Whirlpool	50⅞	50
Whitman	22⅝	23
Winn Dixie	35⅞	35½
Woolworth	21½	21⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	56½	56⅞

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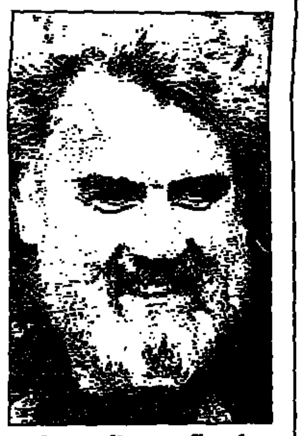
THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Shoe boss on song

THE British Shoe Corporation, the hard-up footwear leg of Sears, appears to have got off on the wrong foot, after splashing out £40,000 on corporate entertainment for this weekend. Rebecca Cotterell, BSC's managing director, who is hosting dinner for 50 in Hyde Park, where The Last Night of the Proms will be transmitted live, seems to have her diary dates in a muddle; "Proms in the Park" falls on the same weekend as the Düsseldorf Shoe Fair, a high point in the cordwainery calendar. Some invitees have made their apologies, but Cotterell will be outside the Albert Hall waving her Union Jack.

Local hero

BILLY CONNOLLY had his nose put out of joint while filming in Iceland for British Gas. The Big Yin was hidden in a trailer away from the press to keep him quiet about the Goldfish credit card, when a local Icelandic TV crew started to lobby British Gas for an interview with "the star". But when Connolly was given permission to decamp from his confine, the Icelandic press pack looked a little let down. It wasn't Connolly they wanted to interview, but Sven Niqvist, a cameraman on the set and a massive star in Iceland.



Connolly: confined

Wiped out

RAPIDLY recovering Jeyes Group has launched a booklet to accompany its eponymous liquids expansion into the gardening market. The book details alternative uses for Jeyes Fluid, other than as a household cleaner. Alas, two of the more interesting suggestions have been left out. In South African townships, people drink Jeyes Fluid as a morning bracer. And one 80-year-old woman, who used the fluid to cure her warts as a child, has bathed in it every day since then.

Special offer

READERS of *Cunard World*, the magazine sent out yesterday to regular customers of the cruise line, may well have been tempted by the pages featuring cruises on the *Cunard Countess* to such ideal winter destinations as Martinique, Barbados and St Lucia. Only there's one slight problem — Kvaerner, the Norwegian shipping and engineering group, and Cunard's new owners, announced the £16 million sale of the *Cunard Countess* earlier this week to Awani Cruise Line, an Indonesian company. Cunard has already started making arrangements for passengers booked on the ship after it changes hands at the end of October.

BAD luck NatWest Stockbrokers. The Investors Chronicle 1996 Stockbroker Award for advisory and discretionary portfolio management went to SocGen Investment Management. To rub it in, the winning team of six from SocGen, including Tim Brocklebank-Fowler, Victor Van Boolen and Peter Hancock, were the 1995 winners for NatWest Stockbrokers.

MORAG PRESTON

Employment insecurity may make an impact at the polls

The TUC sees job security as the key economic issue, says **Philip Bassett**

WHEN *Britain's union* leaders stand up this *morning to sing Auld Lang Syne* as the traditional end of the TUC conference in Blackpool, *its opening words — Should auld acquaintance be forgot?* — will be sharply pointed in the *light of the clash* between unions and *their old acquaintances in the* Labour Party over *new strike measures.*

But the unions' anger is not just at their feeling of being outmanoeuvred, upstaged and bested by the party leadership — though they have been — but also because the row has obscured much of the unions' own work-based agenda for the week, and in *particular* what they see as the central economic issue of job security.

William Waldegrave, Treasury Chief Secretary, yesterday added fuel to the fire by insisting, in a speech in the City, that the Government's programme of labour market deregulation has led directly to job creation.

Mr Waldegrave admitted it would be crazy to deny that people had feelings of job insecurity, but he insisted the picture was nowhere near as bleak as it is painted. The worst way to try to tackle those feelings would be to take "allegedly benign" actions to protect jobs, such as signing the European social chapter, as both Labour and the unions are proposing, he said.

United, Labour and the unions hit back, with Peter Hain, Labour employment spokesman, saying: "Job insecurity is endemic." Attacking the "revolving door economy" of fast firings, he said: "Mr Waldegrave is guilty of catastrophic complacency."

Rodney Bickerstaffe, head of Unison, the TUC's biggest union, said: "According to Waldegrave, Britain's labour markets are full of happy people in well-paid, stable jobs, relishing the opportunities of the free market. For the fat cats, that's absolutely true. But everyone else has to confront a very different reality."

Is job insecurity endemic, or is it as Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, insisted, merely a "state of mind"? Is the new labour market, with its allegedly greater flexibility, a permanent reason job insecurity will be here to stay? Or is it, in the economic dynamism that its adherents say flexibility engenders, the new means to new jobs?

Paul Gregg, of the London School of Economics, says: "Job insecurity is *not* a state of mind. It is real." In Blackpool this week trade unionists gave example after example of the new job market: people working in textiles for £1.20 an hour, and fired at whim: in retailing, in hotels, in distribution, in catering: in engineering and in construction too. And in banking, insurance, and finance. "Nowhere is now safe," said Roger Lyons, head of MSF, the general technical union. With unemployment falling again this week by 15,600 to 2.11 million, the lowest level for more than five years, labour market analysts are struggling with the question of why feelings of job insecurity should be so widespread.

Mr Waldegrave's claims clash sharply with Labour. Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, asserts that "the dominant feature of British economic life is widespread insecurity. Thousands are experiencing downward mobility, millions live in fear of losing their job".

Figures from NOP this week show almost three fifths of British voters believe their jobs are less secure than they were two years ago and 55 per cent believe that jobs will be less secure again in two years' time.

Downsizing gurus, such as Stephen Roach, the Wall Street analyst, may now have recanted their previous espousal of the theory, but British companies have yet to follow suit. MSF says that a new survey of its representatives in 400 workplaces around Britain shows that two thirds say their company employs fewer people than it did five years ago. About the same number believe that downsizing is bad for their company.

Unions, of course, may be part of the problem, as analysis published by *The Times* this week suggested: a clear association between areas of union strength and lower employment growth. Ministers insist, too, that moves like yesterday's indication from Brussels that the European Commission wants to remove the derogations that apply to UK employees such as junior doctors and transport workers from the 48-hour working time directive, which Labour and the unions approve, will lead to further job losses — as will more strikes like those in the Post Office and the railways. While unemployment has now been falling roughly since the end of 1992, the Government's *Labour Force Survey* shows that more than four million people in Britain still want a job — about twice the number of people officially unemployed.

Even after several years of economic recovery now, one in ten men are still officially unemployed and still actively seeking work — while many more have dropped out of the labour market altogether. The Employment Policy Institute points out that the rise in the number of "economically inactive" men is equal to half the fall in male unemployment from its peak at the end of 1992. Education is sucking in some, but so-called early retirement is taking up many people in a move that many see as hidden unemployment. Unemployment has spread its net more widely than it did in the 1980s recession. Then it was largely a phenomenon of the old industrialised areas in the North, Midlands, Scotland and Wales as manufacturing shed two million jobs. In the 1990s, middle-class, white-collar workers in the South have been hit too. Over the past five years, government studies show that more than ten million people, well over a third of the workforce, experienced at least one spell of unemployment, indicating that joblessness has now touched most households, directly or indirectly, through friends, or family. One in five households in Britain with working age people currently has no adult in paid employment.

Certainly, as Mr Waldegrave spelt out yesterday, employment is up. LFS figures show that in the three years to last winter, the number in employment rose by 724,000, or 3.4 per cent, to 21.9 million. Of those, as Mr Waldegrave was also right to claim, most were permanent jobs — 430,000 as against 294,000 temporary jobs.

But it is the acceleration of more flexible and, as employees see it, *more insecure* employment that underlies greater insecurity. The rise in permanent jobs may be bigger in terms of actual numbers than temporary jobs, but proportionately, temporary work saw a 23 per cent increase over the period and permanent work a rise of only 2 per cent. Even full-time, permanent employees know that many around them are temporary and vulnerable. And that in turn increases the vulnerability of those in permanent jobs.

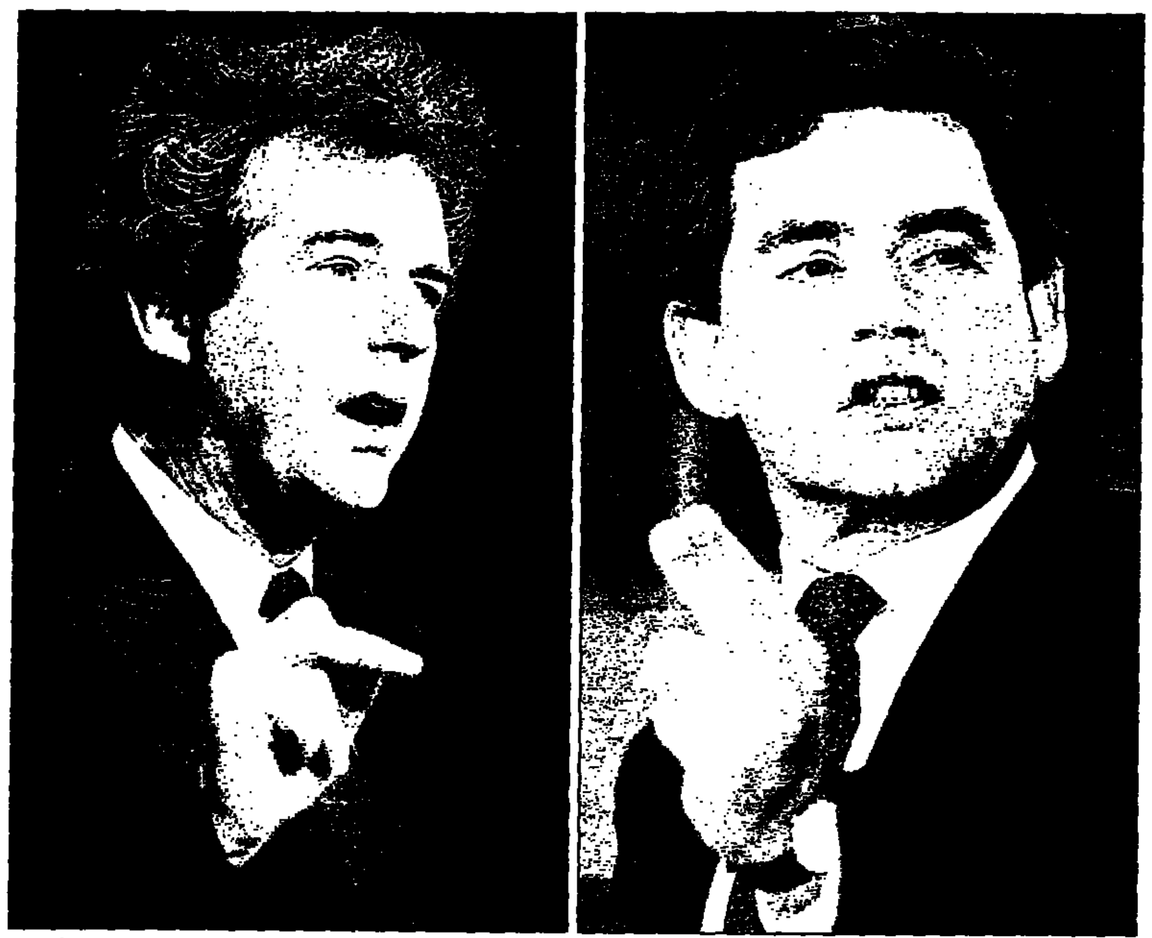
Within the total of permanent jobs, too, by far the larger increase has been in part-time work: up by 364,000, or 8.2 per cent, out of the total, while full-time jobs went up by only 66,000, or 0.4 per cent. Two thirds of the extra people at work since unemployment began to fall are working part-time.

Even for those in work, the average length of time they stay in a job is falling. In 1975, average job tenure was six years, one month. Now it is five years and two months. Tenure has gone up slightly for women, as more have returned to work earlier after having children. But for men it has plummeted, from eight years three months in 1975 to six years now, a drop of 25 per cent in two decades.

Within increasingly sharp global competitiveness, greater economic inactivity, still high unemployment, a rise in non-core forms of employment and falling job tenure all add up to greater insecurity. Business may like the flexibility this offers but is worried about the impact on loyalty and recruitment and training costs, and so is becoming more equivocal about it than some politicians.

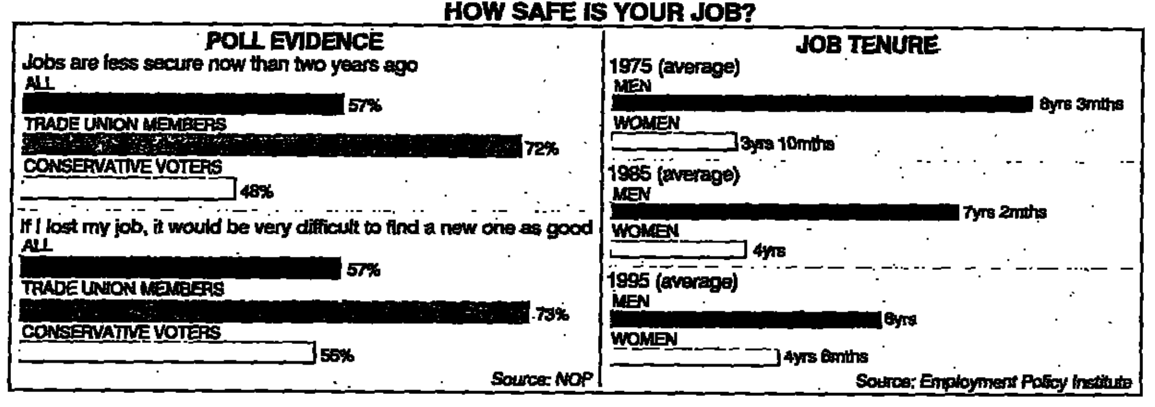
A substantial slice of the evidence runs against Mr Waldegrave, though that will not stop him repeating his claims, and the issue of jobs and job security will remain at the fore in the run-up to the general election.

Not everyone would agree with John Monks, TUC General Secretary, when he says job insecurity is rampant. But as the TUC's leaders return to dealing with the realities of work, there are growing numbers who prefer his analysis to that of Mr Waldegrave and that may have its own impact at the polls.



The views of William Waldegrave, left, on job security clash sharply with those of Gordon Brown

HOW SAFE IS YOUR JOB?



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BUSINESS LETTERS

Implications of Macallan bid

From Mrs Margaret Ewing, MP for Moray (SNP Parliamentary Leader)

Sir, The circumstances leading to the takeover of Macallan should concern every institutional and small investor in the land. All small minority shareholders saw the value of their holding slashed from 187p to 152.5p as a result of the actions of Highland Distillers and Suntory.

As Magnus Linklater said (*The Times*, August 22), before the takeover, Highland Distillers acquired a 26 per cent stake in Macallan from Remy Cointreau. He did not mention that Highland were shareholders in Remy nor that the price paid was used in retrospect to justify the discounted price paid in the takeover bid.

Together, Highland and Suntory held 51 per cent of Macallan. They formed a joint venture company to acquire remaining shares at a discount to the market price. Acting together, they could, as majority shareholders, remove dissidents from the board. What then is to stop shareholders in any other company from acting in concert to wield a majority of votes and force a takeover to the direct and immediate prejudice of the remainder of minority shareholders?

Yet the Takeover Panel failed to act. Not only has this resulted in desolation in the many households of newly redundant whisky workers in Speyside, it should also be the subject of immediate investigation by the Government through an independent body of experts including representatives of major institutional investors.

Yours faithfully,
MARGARET EWING,
Burns Cottage, Lossiemouth.

High street myth

From Mr Walter Felman

Sir, "High street trade at best levels since 1980s says CBI" (The Times, September 6).

Retail sales may be increasing, but certainly not in the high streets of this country, where shopkeepers mourn the spending levels of past years, and charity shops are the only ones to flourish.

When will the CBI and the press realise that people don't spend their money in the high streets any longer?

Yours faithfully,
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Gucci survives family feud to be a fashion icon again

James Bone on a man who gives value with a famous luxury name

Domenico De Sole is a survivor of one of the epic corporate feuds of recent years: the bitter infighting that racked Gucci, the luxury goods maker.

Signor De Sole, now president and chief executive of Gucci Group, witnessed the two wings of the Gucci family battle for control in the 1980s — only to see the investment bank that bought the loser's half-share take on the winner. He says: "I say jokingly that we had World War I and World War II at Gucci. I am a veteran of both. World War I was inter-family feuding. World War II was Maurizio Gucci and Investcorp."

An engaging Harvard-educated Italian who combines American frankness with the old-fashioned courtesy of his native Rome, Signor De Sole, 51, can afford to make light of his experience. Having taken Gucci 100 per cent public this year, he has repositioned the troubled company with one of the fastest turnrounds in fashion industry history, making its popular brand name and interlocking GGs a powerful engine of growth.

Gucci's net revenues rose to $500.1 million in fiscal 1995, a jump of almost 90 per cent from fiscal 1994's $263.6 million. Signor De Sole says he is "comfortable" with analysts' projections of $800-$840 million in sales for the current year, with earnings per share of around $2.25.

"I brought to Italy a very American approach to business," he explains. "I am very open. No games. No politics. I communicate very aggressively. I have strong feelings. I lived through the problems Gucci had. I know what I do not want." He was a tax prestigious Washington law firm, when he was recruited by Maurizio Gucci in 1984 to head Gucci America Inc, then under investigation by the US Internal Revenue Service.

With Maurizio Gucci feuding with his uncle Aldo and cousin Paolo for control of the parent company, Signor De Sole struck a $20 million deal with the tax man and revived US sales from $45 million in 1984 to $140 million by the end of the decade.

When the Bahrain-based Investcorp bought a half-share in the parent company in 1987, Signor De Sole soon became trapped in a new battle between the investment bank and the remaining half-owner, Maurizio Gucci. He professes personal affection for Maurizio Gucci in Milan last year in an attack believed to be linked to a casino deal. But even before Maurizio Gucci sold to Investcorp in 1993, the two had fallen out over the company's direction.

Summoned to Florence by Investcorp, Signor De Sole was named general director of Gucci Group in October 1994 and became president and CEO in July 1995. He describes the three ingredients of his success as style, quality, and value.

He says: "We felt Gucci had to become a fashion leader. That was the first decision we took. The second thing was the quality. The third, which has been underestimated, was that I felt great value, within a luxury brand. I think we offer great products at a great price."

Once in charge, he cancelled the plastic and canvas products that had devalued the Gucci name; toured Tuscany to restore confidence of the small artisans who assemble many of Gucci's leather goods; and spent heavily on advertising. Gucci also hit gold with Tom Ford, an American hired as design director in 1990 and promoted to creative director in 1994. Ford's velvet hip-huggers and satin shirts made Gucci chic for Hollywood stars and pop musicians in a way it had not been since the Fifties and Sixties. The new fashion wunderkind, Ford won the Council of Fashion Designers of America's 1995 International Designer Award and a host of other prizes.

With Gucci still selling far fewer leather goods than Louis Vuitton and fewer silks than Hermes, Signor De Sole believes the company has plenty of opportunities to continue its explosive growth. He points to Germany as one major unexploited market, and says there is also potential in Japan. The company is exploring fast-growing emerging markets such as China and Russia, and by the middle of fiscal 1997 plans to have opened 20 new Gucci stores worldwide. As part of the programme of refurbishing existing outlets, Signor De Sole plans to expand Gucci's London shop in Sloane Street, which he says "performs very well."

He expresses pride that the turnaround was achieved by people like himself and Tom Ford. "I think in business you don't want too many people. You want a few people well-

Domenico De Sole ties Gucci to quality at a fair price

JOHN LEWIS PARTNERSHIP plc
Department stores and Waitrose supermarkets

Consolidated unaudited results for the half year ended 27 July 1996

	1996 £m	1995 £m	change %
Sales (including VAT)	1468.0	1286.6	14
Trading profit	90.2	57.8	56
Interest	12.1	12.3	
Profit before taxation	78.1	45.5	72
Taxation	27.5	13.9	
Preference dividends	0.1	0.1	
Surplus available for profit sharing and retentions	50.5	31.5	60

Sales
Sales increased by £89 million (14%) in the department store division and £93 million (14%) in Waitrose supermarkets.

Profit
Pre-tax profit increased by £33 million (72%).

Profit sharing
Allocation between retentions and profit sharing is determined when the results for the year are known.

For further details telephone 0171-828 1000 extension 6220.

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Groland Amer	218.90	231.60	+ 2.20	0.15
Groland Equity	281.90	299.80	+ 0.20	1.84
Groland Euro	268.40	284.00†	+ 0.80	0.58
Groland Expt Bal	133.10	137.90†		2.55
Groland Gilt	75.24	77.72†	+ 0.01	6.36
Groland Japan	165.80	175.30	- 1.10	
AXA EQUITY & LAW UNIT TST MGRS				
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General Acc	672.80	715.80†	+ 2.50	2.61
General Inc	561.60	597.50†	+ 2.10	2.61
UK Growth Acc	460.40	489.80	+ 1.70	2.74
UK Growth Inc	302.30	321.60	+ 1.20	2.74
Higher Inc Acc	800.60	851.80	+ 2.30	4.26
Higher Inc Inc	436.80	464.70	- 1.20	4.26
Gilts/Fxd Int Acc	210.60	222.40†		5.86
Gilts/Fxd Int Inc	92.21	97.40†	+ 0.01	5.86
Nth America	374.60	398.60	- 0.80	
Europe	355.60	378.30†	+ 0.20	0.43
Brit Ex...	91.09	96.91	+ 0.26	2.93
Brit Fndmtls Acc	114.80	122.20†	+ 0.20	4.92
Brit Fndmtls Inc	76.79	81.70†	+ 0.14	4.92
Global Opps	103.90	110.60	+ 0.10	0.09
Balanced Acc	63.36	67.41	+ 0.14	2.81
Balanced Inc	59.95	63.78	- 0.13	2.81
Japan Acc	44.88	47.75	+ 0.04	...
Pac Basin Acc	400.80	426.40	+ 1.30	0.99
ABBEY UNIT TST MGRS				
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Gilts & Fixed Int	128.50	136.40†	+ 0.10	7.16
High Inc Equity	182.30	195.00	- 0.60	4.42
Worldwide Bond	283.10	300.20†	+ 0.30	4.90
American Growth	371.90	397.60	+ 1.90	0.31
Asian Pacific	324.10	346.60	- 0.90	0.04
Assets & Earnings	311.30	332.90	- 0.40	2.71
Euro Capital Acc	184.50	197.30	+ 0.60	0.80
Extra Inc	43.74	46.53†	- 0.04	7.70
General	283.90	302.00†		2.90
Global Opps	68.46	72.83		0.56
Japan	116.10	124.30	- 0.40	
Managed Inc	48.13	51.20†	- 0.04	4.69
Mastertrust	168.60	180.30	+ 0.20	1.01
UC Emerging Cos	209.10	222.40	- 0.70	
Ethical	82.72	88.00	- 0.22	2.42
International	137.30	146.10	+ 0.20	0.29
Dividend & Growth	67.76	72.08	- 0.26	4.26
Global Gwth & Sec	73.29	78.29	+ 0.07	2.34
Latin America	64.43	68.54	- 0.09	
Capital Reserve	145.30	145.30		4.62
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Amer Inc & Growth	59.52	61.86	+ 0.45	0.16
Emerging Mkts	72.03	77.00	+ 0.45	0.04
European	151.40	157.40	+ 0.60	
Exempt	1116.00	1185.00	- 1.00	1.51
Extra Income #	46.05	49.27†		6.60
Far East Emg Eco	132.60	139.30	+ 0.70	0.45
Fixed Interest #	25.44	26.46†	- 0.03	8.98
Fund Inv Tst	151.80	159.20	+ 0.10	3.64
Japan	178.30	185.90†	+ 0.60	
Latin American	60.78	63.39†		0.77
Pacific	85.32	89.59	+ 0.16	0.25
Property Share	72.03	75.62	- 0.04	2.32
UK Emerging Cos	73.12	79.05	0.18	1.22
UK Growth	54.03	57.04	+ 0.19	2.06
Abtr World Port #	80.60	84.25	+ 0.16	3.53
Ethical	78.38	81.51	+ 0.01	2.17
Aberdeen Gilt Inc #	50.40	50.40†	- 0.01	7.35
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Income Builder Inc	81.60	86.92	- 0.23	4.22
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Balanced Funds				
Growth & Income	298.50	308.40	- 1.60	3.05
Capital	507.50	542.50	- 1.50	1.16
Balanced	824.16	891.00	- 4.60	2.33
Accumulator #	1591.00	1711.00†	- 9.00	3.82
Income Funds:				
American Income	61.62	65.570†	+ 0.28	2.43
High Income	454.71	496.20†	+ 2.90	3.69
Equity Income	255.90	277.70	- 1.50	4.10
High Yield	270.90	289.40	- 1.20	4.01
Govt Securities	34.21	36.10	- 0.03	6.05
International Funds:				
Amer Spec Sits	211.40	225.50	- 3.90	0.05
European Growth	[illegible]	57.420†	+ 0.22	0.07
International	197.72	206.40†	+ 1.10	0.11
Japan	199.50	212.60	- 0.30	
Pacific	410.10	438.20	- 1.40	
Sec of America	580.50	618.50	- 3.10	0.12
Worldwide Asset Val	35.13	37.37	- 0.21	0.02
Special Sit Trusts:				
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Conv & Gilt	49.50	52.300†	- 0.26	4.10
Smaller Cos	211.70	225.26	- 0.70	1.07
2nd Smaller Cos	200.90	214.70†	- 0.50	0.85
Recovery	117.20	127.00†	- 1.00	1.54
Met Min & Cmdty	169.30	180.50	- 0.10	0.17
Global Emerg	427.50	456.90	- 2.80	1.08
Technology	219.00	234.10		
UK Special Sits	579.50	619.40†	+ 1.40	1.07
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Capital	84.50	89.68	+ 0.56	1.37
International	68.40	72.87		
BAILLIE GIFFORD & CO LTD				
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America	344.60	367.70†	- 0.50	
Bond	117.20	123.30	+ 0.10	6.77
Brit Smlr Cos	121.30	129.00	+ 0.20	1.76
Conv & Gen #	70.68	75.19†	- 0.34	5.21
Europe	286.70	304.00	- 0.70	0.58
Euro Smlr Cos	126.70	134.70	- 0.60	0.53
Income Gwth	372.10	395.90†	- 0.70	4.80
Japan	311.70	331.10	- 1.20	
Latin American	95.60	97.06	- 0.06	0.78
Pacific	114.00	121.30	- 0.10	0.98
UK Smllr Cos	60.48	64.34	+ 0.02	1.24
Japan Fd	665.90	675.00	- 1.20	
Mngd Fd	205.10	217.80	- 0.40	2.76
BANK OF IRELAND FUND MGRS LTD				
0171 489 8673				
Brit & Overs	368.80	390.10	+ 7.60	0.91
Capital Gwth	129.30	136.80	+ 0.70	2.42
Wwide Oppc	219.90	232.60	+ 3.90	0.88
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
0181 534 5544				
Balanced Trusts				
Bist Inv Fd Inc	431.50	449.40		2.49
European Bd Inc	96.19	99.56	+ 0.06	6.75
Exempt	82.96	88.40	- 0.26	2.90
500	515.60	562.70†	- 0.50	2.35
General	329.60	353.00	+ 0.40	2.54
Property	244.50	262.40		5.19
Trustee	226.50	242.20	+ 0.10	2.41
Income Trusts				
Cash Inc	100.80	100.80		4.99
Distribution #	112.20	112.80†	- 0.10	6.08
Extra Income #	137.40	147.00	- 0.10	4.79
Gilt & Fxd Int	57.57	59.58†	+ 0.01	7.97
Income #	586.90	627.70	- 0.70	4.72
Income Builder #	68.47	73.03†	- 0.02	5.44
Intl Income	70.56	75.06	- 0.02	2.74
Growth Trusts - UK				
Capital	142.20	151.60†	- 0.20	1.98
FTSE 100	100.30	106.90	+ 0.20	2.88
Leisure	181.60	194.20	- 0.40	0.68
Recovery	499.30	534.00	+ 0.50	2.65
Smllr Cos Inc	59.65	63.96†	+ 0.19	2.11
Special Sits	393.90	421.30	- 0.80	1.27
Growth Trusts - Overseas				
America	171.50	182.10	+ 1.60	0.16
Aust Acc	294.20	303.20	- 1.70	1.83
Aust Inc	170.00	181.30	- 1.00	1.83
Euro Gwth Inc	192.20	204.10†	+ 0.30	0.56
-do- Accum	209.00	221.90	+ 0.20	0.56
Japan & Gen Inc	148.10	156.80	- 0.60	
-do- Accum	149.80	158.60	- 0.60	
Japan Spec Sits	69.45	73.57	- 0.31	
Worldwide	197.10	209.20		0.44
BARING FUND MANGERS LTD				
0171 214 1004				
American Growth	130.50	137.80	+ 0.70	
Amer Smllr Cos	167.00	180.00	+ 1.00	
Convertibles	60.34	64.57	- 0.27	4.00
Eastern	297.60	319.60	+ 1.40	0.30
Equity Income	98.48	105.40	+ 0.40	4.20
European Growth	360.30	383.60	+ 2.70	0.80
Europe	355.40	379.30	+ 1.30	0.80
German Growth	88.55	93.77	+ 0.42	0.50
Global Bond	70.38	74.04	+ 0.02	6.20
Global Growth	145.60	154.80	+ 0.60	0.40
Japan Growth	192.00	204.00	+ 0.10	
Japan Smrise	161.70	171.50	+ 0.20	
Korea Trust	65.83	70.96	- 0.39	
Portfolio	145.80	155.90†	+ 0.80	2.30
-do- Accum	276.30	295.50	+ 1.60	2.30
UK Growth	104.90	112.50	- 0.10	2.60
UK Smaller Cos	100.40	108.80		1.90
Select Managers	89.37	95.83	+ 0.06	1.00
BLACKSTONE FRANKS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 250 3300				
Intl Gwth Port Inc	89.69	95.41†		
Special Oppor Inc	60.80	64.68†		
BRITANNIA FUND MGRS LTD				
0141 223 6020				
Balanced Growth	141.99	150.75	- 0.20	1.25
-do- Accum	163.62	173.14	- 0.23	1.25
Smaller Cos	156.98	166.11	+ 0.29	0.71
Higher Yield #	56.69	59.99	- 0.19	3.96
American Gth Inc	99.02	104.79†	+ 0.26	
European Growth	164.80	174.39†	- 1.18	0.02
-do- Accum	168.11	177.90	- 1.20	0.02
Global Bond Inc #	26.67	27.63	- 0.01	5.87
Mngd Ptnfo Inc	52.93	56.99	+ 0.05	1.45
-do- Accum	54.55	57.71	+ 0.05	1.45
Inf Spec Opps	164.05	173.60	- 0.61	
Pacific Gth	144.69	153.12	+ 0.79	0.31
UK General #	96.57	102.19	+ 1.32	2.95
-do- Accum #	103.32	109.34	+ 1.42	2.95
Japan	57.59	60.94†	- 0.28	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	98.93	102.57†	- 0.05	8.27
BURRAGE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 480 7216				
Short Dated Gilt	66.46	67.31	+ 0.03	6.46
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
0161 837 5060				
Europe	192.50	202.60	+ 0.50	1.72
UK Growth	210.20	221.30†	- 0.20	2.04
UK Income	147.80	155.60	+ 0.10	4.48
CANADA LIFE MGMT (UK) LTD				
01707 822 100				
Can Gen Dist	234.50	248.60†	+ 0.90	1.59
-do- Income Dist	125.90	133.40	+ 0.80	3.75
-do- Accum	404.00	428.30	+ 0.20	3.75
Gilt & Fxd Int	40.49	42.54†		6.39
Growth Units	253.90	271.40†	+ 1.10	2.05
Bond	172.70	181.80†		7.20
Intl Growth	244.20	258.70	+ 0.60	0.18
North American	255.30	271.70†	- 1.30	0.24
Far East	301.40	322.30	+ 1.10	0.47
UK Smaller Cos	229.50	245.50	+ 0.20	0.94
European	96.72	102.50	+ 0.30	0.65
Japanese Growth	46.21	49.03	+ 0.11	
High Income	221.00	236.20	+ 1.10	4.22
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UT MGMT LTD				
0161 831 7433 Enq 0161 831 7433 Dlg 0161 831 7455				
American & Gen	218.60	232.10†	+ 0.10	
European Inc	94.70	99.81†	+ 0.23	0.63
Smaller Cos (4-1)	108.90	115.90†	+ 0.30	1.48
Growth	547.10	582.10†	+ 4.90	1.77
Income & Growth #	457.90	487.20†	+ 1.60	3.89
-do- Accum #	692.20	736.40	+ 2.40	3.89
Japan & Gen	66.46	70.59	- 0.01	
Master Portfolio	£119.58	£123.52	+ 54.00	1.90
-do- Accum	£147.06	£151.90	+ 65.00	1.90

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0171 606 0708				
Cazenove Portfolio	101.90	108.75	+ 0.24	2.36
American Portfolio	122.88	130.35	+ 0.93	0.88
European Portfolio	133.97	142.59	+ 0.74	0.62
High Income	51.38	51.57†	+ 0.07	7.15
Japanese Portfolio	67.17	71.36	- 0.14	...
Pacific Portfolio	156.32	167.02	+ 0.62	1.44
UK Equity	98.86	105.72	+ 0.24	3.02
UK Equity & Bd	57.49	60.92	+ 0.03	6.27
CENT BD OF FIN OF CHURCH OF ENG				
0171 588 1815				
Inv Fund	761.93	773.45	+ 4.85	4.32
Fxd In Sec	153.23	153.85	+ 0.29	9.29
COIF CHARITY FUNDS				
0171 588 1815				
Investment Inc	761.29	772.73	+ 7.27	4.31
Investment Acc	£34.70	£35.23	+ 33.64	
Fixed Int Inc	126.77	127.27	+ 0.43	9.11
Fixed Int Acc	225.77	226.67	+ 0.74	
CITY FINANCIAL UT MGRS LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Beckman Intl	87.17	92.11		3.12
Beck Bio-Tech	43.33	46.84	+ 0.71	
Acorn Ethical Tst	184.59	193.84		0.44
City Fin Accels	84.27	88.49		1.51
City Fin America	111.92	117.53		
City Fin Intl	91.71	96.30		0.45
City Fin Japan	146.90	154.26		
Friars Hse Cap	323.57	344.22	..	2.46
Friars Hse Inc	201.24	214.09		3.52
Brockley Wrld Gth	143.81	152.44†		
J Sld Inc/Gth Inc	55.54	58.32	+ 0.12	3.30
Shaw Utilities	57.80	58.87		6.18
CITY OF LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0171 711 0771 Admin: 01277 227 300				
Emerging Markets	57.22	60.71†	- 0.21	
CLERICAL MEDICAL UT MGRS LTD				
0345 772 233				
American Gwth	79.91	85.01	+ 0.05	
Dragon Growth	71.76	78.74	+ 0.27	0.47
Equity High Inc	88.09	95.47†	+ 0.42	4.09
-do- Accum	128.97	138.20	+ 0.61	4.09
Extra Income Inc	26.31	27.69		7.58
Extra Income Acc	28.53	30.03		7.58
European Gwth	62.90	66.74	+ 0.12	0.95
Evergreen	31.92	34.13	+ 0.03	
General Equity	104.41	110.78	+ 0.38	2.93
Japan Growth	48.74	51.85	- 0.14	
Pedigree Gwth	65.05	69.20	+ 0.20	2.23
Pad Sm Cos Inc	39.25	41.76	+ 0.01	1.43
-do- Accum	41.59	44.24	+ 0.01	1.43
Retirement Inc #	27.86	29.64	+ 0.15	5.70
Special Sits	47.44	50.47	- 0.07	2.27
UK & Overseas	59.21	62.82	+ 0.15	0.74
COLONIAL UT MGRS LTD				
01634 898 000				
Balanced	69.12	72.00†	+ 0.31	3.99
Capital	83.72	87.20†	+ 0.32	2.25
High Income	50.73	52.64†	+ 0.02	7.17
Top 50	56.33	58.67†	+ 0.18	2.08
COMMERCIAL UNION FINANCIAL MGMT INTL LTD				
0181 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Inc	198.15	206.41	+ 0.27	4.45
Long Gilt	42.45	44.19		6.40
Monthly Inc Plus	49.75	50.78	- 0.05	8.82
Preference Share	47.64	49.63	- 0.01	7.85
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	141.81	147.72	+ 0.30	5.78
Managed Fund	77.96	81.21	+ 0.20	2.64
UK Growth Funds:				
Smaller Cos	53.58	55.81	+ 0.03	1.70
-do- Accum	63.33	65.97	+ 0.04	1.70
UK & General	98.46	102.56	+ 0.37	2.51
-do- Accum	127.70	133.02	+ 0.48	2.51
UK Growth	195.25	203.39	- 0.40	1.38
International Growth Funds:				
Europe Growth	212.11	220.95	+ 0.64	0.66
Far Eastern Gth	135.69	141.34	- 0.33	0.02
Global Bond	82.06	85.48	+ 0.13	5.80
Japan Growth	111.53	116.18	- 0.20	
North Amer Gth	237.83	247.74	- 1.40	
Oriental Growth	84.73	88.26	+ 0.41	0.26
Worldwide Growth	73.83	76.91	- 0.25	0.10
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.19	93.19	+ 0.01	5.12
Mercantile Fund	91.05	96.86	+ 0.13	1.56
Gartlan Fund	156.03	165.99†	- 0.33	1.88
CONSISTENT UNIT TST MGMT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Consistent UT	35.84	38.34†	+ 0.10	4.33
COOKE (HENRY) INV FUNDS LTD				
0200 526 358				
Growth	179.00	190.40	- 0.40	1.80
Income	71.66	76.23†	- 0.30	4.76
European	75.24	80.04	- 0.26	0.82
Recovery	190.90	203.10	+ 0.50	2.03
CO-OP PENSION FDS UT MGRS LTD				
0171 283 5494				
Equity Dist	979.60	994.00		3.39
CREDIT SUISSE INV FDS (UK) LTD				
01277 590 370				
Fellowship Fd	113.30	120.50		1.02
Income #	291.40	309.90	+ 0.10	4.08
-do- Accum #	762.70	811.30	+ 0.30	4.08
Smaller Cos	237.70	252.80	- 0.50	0.85
-do- Accum	295.10	313.90	- 0.60	0.85
Gth Portfolio	103.10	109.60†	+ 0.20	1.29
High Inc Port #	83.83	89.18†	+ 0.20	4.26
DIMENSIONAL TST MGMT LTD				
0171 470 1634				
Euro Small Cos	1678.50	1741.10	- 2.10	
Japan Small Cos	1200.30	1224.40	- 17.80	0.01
UK Small Cos	2218.90	2307.60	+ 13.30	2.87
US Small Cos	2172.00	2216.90	+ 47.30	0.85
DISCRETIONARY UNIT FUND MGRS				
0171 377 8819				
Disc Inc	229.10	241.10		3.05
EAGLE STAR UNIT MGRS LTD				
01242 577 555				
UK Balanced Inc	170.80	181.60	+ 0.10	1.78
UK High Inc Inc	178.60	189.90	+ 0.20	3.75
-do- Accum	241.10	256.40	+ 0.20	3.75
UK Pref & F I Inc	58.69	62.27	+ 0.04	5.94
Emerging Opps	100.20	106.50		0.94
UK Smlr Cos #	69.36	73.78	+ 0.08	0.80
Extra Income Inc	48.07	51.13†	+ 0.03	8.15
EDINBURGH UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
0345 090 526				
American	175.60	188.00	+ 0.40	0.43
Convertibles #	22.75	24.17†	+ 0.03	5.79
Equity Income #	142.70	151.60†	+ 0.30	3.96
EuroFund	63.24	66.91	+ 0.18	0.60
Financial	55.10	58.54†	+ 0.13	1.54
Growth & Inc #	289.20	307.30†	+ 1.00	2.85
High Dist #	180.80	192.10	+ 0.70	4.11
International	440.40	467.90	+ 0.80	0.11
Int Cap Inc	104.50	111.60	+ 0.70	2.42
Latin American	33.30	35.38†	- 0.05	.
Pacific	81.77	86.88	+ 0.45	.
Pref High Inc	21.98	23.36	+ 0.09	7.71
Tokyo	216.80	229.50†	- 0.30	
UK Smaller Cos	258.20	274.30	+ 1.10	1.09
Dunedin Unit Trusts				
European Gwth	332.20	351.10	+ 0.60	1.03
New Asia	227.40	242.00	+ 0.80	0.24
Japan Growth	107.00	113.60	+ 0.30	
Jap Smlr Co	442.70	469.90	- 1.10	
Nth Amer	415.40	439.30	+ 2.00	0.67
UK Inc & Gth	252.60	270.30	+ 0.30	2.74
ELY PLACE UNIT MGRS LTD				
0171 242 0242				
BFI Director Digs	118.04	126.25	+ 1.21	1.17
Growth Acc	254.92	272.35	+ 3.52	0.26
Income	603.43	645.38†	+ 5.02	6.08
ENDURANCE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 373 7261				
Endurance Fd	227.60	242.10	+ 1.70	1.00
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
01296 431 480				
European	91.28	96.08	+ 0.41	1.97
Ethical Tst	48.21	50.75	+ 0.05	0.87
Far Eastern	302.70	318.63	+ 0.39	1.63
High Income	140.47	147.86	+ 0.67	4.92
UK Index Trcking	50.77	53.44†	+ 0.34	3.26
Intl Growth	146.25	153.95		0.38
North American	146.93	154.66†	+ 0.71	1.71
Pelican	142.97	150.49	+ 0.86	3.17
Smaller Cos	73.33	77.19	+ 0.07	2.79
Special Sits	92.79	97.67†	+ 0.31	2.48
Tst of Inv Tsts	215.92	227.28†	+ 0.24	1.31
EVERMORE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Smaller Cos Inc	240.50	255.85	- 0.01	1.46
Smaller Cos Acc	428.59	455.95	- 0.02	1.46
Recovery	59.72	63.53	- 0.12	1.67
Recovery Acc	61.70	65.64	- 0.13	1.67
EXETER FUND MANAGERS LTD				
01392 412 144				
Capital Growth	88.15	94.53	- 0.03	
Fd of Inv Tsts	52.13	55.80	- 0.08	0.52
High Income #	38.47	41.23		11.16
Warrant	47.57	51.71†	+ 0.04	
Zero Preference	44.08	46.77	+ 0.05	.
FAMILY INVESTMENT MGMT LTD				
01273 220 707				
Family Asset Tst	92.35	98.24	- 0.11	2.61
United Charities	311.80	331.60		2.46
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVS LTD				
Callfree: Private Clients: 0800 414 161				
Cash Fund				
Cash Fund	100.00	100.00		5.20
Bond Funds				
Intl Bond	28.91	29.98	+ 0.03	5.19
Strategic Inc	26.75	27.96	+ 0.03	5.81
Income Funds				
High Income	26.43	27.74†	+ 0.04	5.56
Income Plus	130.20	138.50†	+ 0.40	3.97
European Income	49.39	52.52†	+ 0.22	2.59
UK Div Gth	31.36	33.35†	+ 0.08	2.24
Equity Funds				
ASEAN	63.28	67.50	+ 0.04	
American	319.50	338.60	+ 1.40	.
Amer Spec Sits	181.30	193.30	+ 1.10	.
Japan Smaller Cos	34.41	36.65	- 0.02	
European	227.50	241.90	+ 1.70	0.56
European Opps	80.11	85.18	+ 0.46	0.02
Global Prv	30.76	32.71	+ 0.15	0.34
UK Growth	122.10	129.98†	+ 0.10	1.10
Growth & Inc	177.90	188.86	+ 0.40	2.45
Intl PEP	47.68	50.70	+ 0.18	1.08
Japan Spec Sits	88.94	94.54	- 0.07	.
Japan	176.80	187.60	+ 0.10	...
Managed Intl	347.80	369.00	+ 2.30	0.51
Moneybuilder	66.86	71.09	+ 0.14	
Recovery	62.42	66.37	+ 0.19	1.63
South E Asia	181.20	193.30	+ 0.60	1.00
Special Sits	731.10	777.40†	- 1.80	0.59
Specialist Funds				
Cash Accum Units	115.75	115.75	+ 0.01	5.20
FLEMING PRIVATE FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 814 2700				
Balanced #	149.90	152.50†		1.57
Inc Ptflio #	95.93	97.66†	+ 0.36	2.84
Cap Ptflio	164.30	166.79	+ 0.70	0.86
General Opps	143.20	144.80		3.69
Growth Inc	37.44	38.15	+ 0.15	0.96
Private Portfolio	464.90	473.30†		0.89
FOREIGN & COLONIAL UNIT MGT				
Dlg 01277 690 386 Admin/Val 01277 690 360				
Euro Smlr Cos	151.70	161.30†	+ 0.70	0.35
Emrg Asian	143.60	155.20	+ 0.40	..
High Income	21.33	22.62†	+ 0.06	9.95
UK Income	114.20	121.70	+ 0.60	4.05
US Smaller Cos	429.90	457.90	+ 2.90	

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MGMT LTD				
Enq 0171 330 6500 Dealing 0345 775511				
American Growth	78.14	83.21	+ 0.60	
-do- Accum	78.14	83.21	+ 0.60	
Amer Smllr Cos	688.20	736.00†	- 3.00	..
-do- Accum	703.00	751.90†	- 3.10	
Capital Tst	398.98	424.40	- 0.10	1.50
-do- Accum	582.70	619.90	- 0.10	1.50
Contl Smllr Cos	61.73	65.78	+ 0.11	0.97
-do- Accum	65.68	69.98	+ 0.11	0.97
Convertible	143.10	152.20	+ 0.40	5.60
-do- Accum	309.70	329.50	+ 0.80	5.60
Emerging Markets	67.53	72.15	+ 0.30	0.30
-do- Accum	67.76	72.39	+ 0.30	0.30
European	151.00	160.60	+ 0.40	0.90
-do- Accum	160.00	169.50	+ 0.50	0.90
Extra Income	390.30	415.20†	+ 4.10	4.10
-do- Accum	621.50	661.20†	+ 6.60	4.10
Financial	172.20	183.20	+ 0.50	0.45
-do- Accum	182.90	194.60	+ 0.60	0.46
Gilt Trust	64.73	66.74	+ 0.02	6.79
-do- Accum	98.03	101.00		6.79
Health Fund Inc	259.20	276.90	+ 0.90	
-do- Accum	259.30	276.90	+ 0.90	
Income & Growth	231.60	246.40	- 0.70	3.61
-do- Accum	367.00	390.40	- 1.20	3.61
Intl Growth	437.20	465.30	+ 0.90	
-do- Accum	485.40	518.70	+ 1.10	
Japan & Gen	167.90	178.60	+ 0.30	
-do- Accum	169.60	180.30	+ 0.10	
Monthly Inc #	194.40	206.80†	+ 0.50	4.38
Managed Port Inc	122.30	129.70	+ 0.30	1.39
-do- Accum	132.80	139.80	+ 0.30	1.39
Quarterly Income #	56.91	61.11†	+ 0.12	4.91
-do- Accum #	65.38	70.21†	+ 0.14	4.91
Recovery	360.30	383.20†	+ 0.20	
-do- Accum	422.90	452.30†	+ 0.20	
UK Growth	66.60	70.85	+ 0.19	2.76
-do- Accum	72.21	76.82	+ 0.20	2.78
FRIENDS PROVIDENT UNIT TRUSTS				
Dealing 01722 715835 Enq 01722 716834				
FP American	60.97	65.00	+ 0.42	0.34
FP Am Smllr Cos	211.00	225.00	+ 1.30	
FP Asian Growth	276.40	294.80	+ 0.90	
FP Australian	416.70	444.40†	- 4.00	
FP Equity Dist	457.50	488.00	- 0.20	2.50
-do- Accum	£10.09	£10.76		2.50
FP Euro Gth	283.50	302.30	+ 0.90	.
-do- Accum	310.10	330.70	+ 1.10	.
FP Intl Bond	59.13	62.57†	+ 0.02	4.52
FP Intl Gth Dist	38.12	40.66	+ 0.09	0.13
-do- Accum	55.65	59.36	+ 0.12	0.13
FP Pac Basin Acc	218.50	233.00	+ 0.40	
FP Income #	59.62	63.59		5.09
-do- Accum #	308.30	222.10	..	5.09
FP Jap Smllr Cos	299.50	319.40	- 2.00	
FP Monthly Dist #	75.42	80.44†	+ 0.12	5.36
FP Stlg Deposit	100.80	100.80		5.05
FP Tokyo	80.89	86.28†	- 0.12	
FP UK Focus	42.57	45.40	+ 0.04	2.14
FP UK Growth	198.40	211.60	- 0.10	2.25
-do- Accum	399.90	426.50	- 0.10	2.25
Stewardship Dist	434.00	462.90	+ 0.10	1.37
-do- Accum	544.20	580.40	+ 0.20	1.37
Stwdshp Inc Dist #	81.32	86.74†	+ 0.04	4.68
-do- Accum #	111.20	118.60	+ 0.10	4.68
N Am Stshp Dist	125.20	133.50	+ 1.10	0.29
-do- Accum	134.50	143.40	+ 1.10	0.29
FP Managed Portfolio Service				
Capital Gwth Acc	127.80	136.90	- 0.50	1.59
Open Cap Gth Acc	131.10	139.40	- 0.40	0.34
Cap Gth Inc Inc #	118.80	126.30†	- 0.30	3.43
Cap Gth Inc Acc #	125.80	133.80	- 0.40	3.43
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ic #	120.40	128.09†	- 0.40	3.86
Opn Cp Gth Ic Ac #	128.50	136.70	- 0.40	3.86
GA UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0345 581 106.7				
GAIDA	291.80	308.60	- 0.10	2
Cash	49.48	50.22		5.30
Growth Portfolio	87.55	92.80	- 0.13	0.88
Income Portfolio	69.68	73.69	+ 0.07	4.18
GEM DOLPHIN INV MGRS LTD				
0171 236 6441				
Special Sits	237.70	254.20	+ 5.00	1.04
Dividend	97.24	104.00†	+ 0.50	4.11
Int Gth & Inc	249.30	266.60	+ 0.30	3.23
UK & Gen	50.22	53.71†	+ 0.01	2.71
Fund of Funds	74.42	79.59	- 0.45	
GT GLOBAL FUND MGMT LTD				
Inv 0800 212274 Dealing 0171 628 9431				
Amer Spec Sits	246.30	263.50	+ 1.70	0.13
European Gth	729.50	780.30	+ 3.30	0.61
Euro Eq & Bd Inc	55.32	58.62	+ 0.26	4.85
-do- Accum	61.40	65.05	+ 0.28	4.85
Far East & Gen	266.10	284.60	+ 1.70	
German Growth	142.70	151.30	+ 0.20	
High Yield #	48.82	51.59†	+ 0.03	8.11
-do- Accum #	53.79	56.84	+ 0.03	8.11
Income Inc	194.70	208.30†	+ 0.50	4.13
-do- Accum	222.60	238.10	+ 0.60	4.13
International	383.50	409.90	+ 0.40	0.30
Intl Income	93.99	99.55	+ 0.12	2.98
Japan Growth	436.10	463.50	- 0.80	
Korean Securities	54.85	58.67	- 0.60	
Orient Acc	187.10	200.20	+ 0.50	0.15
UK General Inc	201.50	215.60†	+ 0.39	1.53
UK General Acc	360.10	385.30	+ 0.40	1.53
UK Sm Cos Div Acc	59.92	64.09	+ 0.13	1.81
UK Spec Sits	105.00	112.30	- 0.90	1.15
US Growth	186.20	198.00	+ 1.40	
Wwide Spec Sits	160.30	170.80	+ 0.60	.
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
0171 782 2000 Dlgs only: 01277 264 421				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	60.71	64.92†	- 0.22	1.79
Cash Trust	145.99	145.99	+ 0.01	5.16
Practical Inv Inc #	124.65	133.32	+ 0.02	3.61
-do- Accum #	293.97	314.41	+ 0.02	3.61
UK Index	178.67	179.77†	+ 0.65	3.28
UK Smaller Cos	201.20	215.19	- 0.20	0.54
Income Funds				
Extra Yield	24.38	25.26		7.44
High Income	34.03	36.32†	+ 0.04	5.01
UK Equity Income	159.69	171.19†	+ 0.38	3.07
Global Bond	29.79	30.89	+ 0.04	4.92
International Funds				
Emerging Markets	46.94	50.30	+ 0.08	
Global Managed	151.14	160.60	+ 0.24	1.43
Gold & Intl Res	112.24	120.04	+ 0.34	.
Global Utilities	143.65	153.23	+ 0.37	1.43
Overseas Funds				
American	199.94	212.44	+ 0.54	0.74
European	135.94	144.09	+ 0.40	0.82
Euro Sel Opps	206.12	218.51†	238.87	1.44
Amer Emerging	184.95	197.81	+ 0.42	..
Hong Kong	160.87	171.82	- 0.37	1.65
Japan	236.17	250.96	- 1.79	
Pacific Growth	220.00	237.43	- 0.58	.
Gartmore Pensions Strategy Funds				
Managed Equity	281.61	281.61	+ 1.06	1.94
Long Term Bal	280.37	280.37	+ 1.15	2.96
Med Term Bal	229.75	229.75	+ 0.49	2.94
UK Equity	308.69	308.69	+ 1.71	2.41
UK Emerging Cos	181.54	181.54	- 0.11	1.92
American	318.17	318.17†	+ 1.61	0.84
Japan	129.97	129.97†	- 0.20	
European	345.59	345.59†	- 1.39	1.03
Index Linked Gilt	182.90	182.90†	+ 0.03	2.73
Fixed Interest	173.61	173.61†	+ 0.06	6.42
Amer Emerging	413.18	413.18†	- 1.01	
Pacific	236.86	236.86	+ 1.11	0.90
Emerging Mkts	125.87	125.87†	- 0.04	0.52
Index Strat Japan	143.93	143.93†	+ 0.17	0.22
-do- Pacific Rim	204.79	204.79†	+ 1.05	1.20
-do- Cont Europe	187.30	187.30†	+ 0.49	1.88
Index Strat USA	187.28	187.28†	+ 0.82	1.68
Gartmore Personal Pension Funds				
Managed Equity	123.42	131.29	+ 0.53	...
Med Term Bal	109.62	116.61	+ 0.25	
Long Term Bal	126.21	134.26	+ 0.56	.
UK Equity	143.30	152.45	+ 0.85	
UK Emerging Cos	85.28	90.72	- 0.05	
American	147.26	156.65	+ 0.79	
Japan	62.11	66.07	- 0.10	
Eu/UK Equity	143.30	152.45	+ 0.85	
UK Emerging Cos	85.28	90.72	- 0.05	..
American	147.26	156.65	+ 0.79	
Japan	62.11	66.07	- 0.10	
Euler Unit Trusts				
BWH Intl	160.46	168.90†	- 0.33	0.50
Brckff Gth Port Inc	74.02	78.12†	- 0.27	0.60
-do- Inc Port Inc	63.93	67.47†	- 0.19	3.50
-do- Wwide Port	61.90	65.33	- 0.17	0.10
GLOBAL ASSET MANAGEMENT				
GAM Sterling Management 0171 493 9990				
Stlg & Intl Inc	613.23	652.37	+ 1.38	1.17
-do- Accum	692.52	736.72	+ 1.56	1.17
European Inc	179.21	190.06	+ 0.79	1.44
Amalgam Inc	156.77	166.16		
N America Inc	414.00	440.43	- 2.88	
Far East Inc	366.61	390.01		0.13
-do- Accum	379.95	404.20		0.13
UK Divid Inc	217.22	231.08	- 0.71	1.72
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MGMT LTD				
0171 378 7979 Dealing: 0171 407 7888				
UK Equity Inc #	100.53	107.51	- 0.09	4.56
UK Small Cos	68.02	72.73	+ 1.54	0.62
British Growth	68.60	73.36†	+ 0.38	3.11
American Gwth	280.54	300.03	+ 0.44	
Japan Gwth	66.76	71.39	- 0.18	.
Greater China	198.58	212.38	- 0.01	0.16
Pacific Strategy	161.07	172.26	- 0.70	
European Gwth	120.22	128.56	+ 0.29	
Intl Growth	168.93	180.66	- 0.15	
US Index (£)	17.6304	18.5765	+ 0.1862	4.00
FT-SE Mid 250 Ind	91.57	97.95†	- 0.16	2.15
Monthly Income	41.40	44.26†	- 0.07	8.65
Index & Bear Funds Dealing: 071 865 0033				
Grd UK Index (£)	14.9862	15.8210	- 0.0142	4.75
GRANVILLE UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
0171 488 1212				
Small Cos	114.25	121.54	+ 0.45	1.50
GUARDIAN UT MGRS LTD				
0171 538 9858				
European	580.40	620.00	+ 1.50	0.44
Gilt & Fixed	127.00	134.70†		5.90
Growth Equity	433.70	463.30	- 1.20	1.25
Income Trust	149.80	160.00	+ 0.20	4.25
International	210.00	224.30	+ 0.30	0.08
Japan Trust	119.60	127.70	- 0.40	
Nth American	357.30	381.70	+ 2.90	
Pacific	580.80	620.53	+ 2.80	0.18
Guardhill	645.10	689.20†	- 0.60	1.24
GUINNESS FLIGHT UT MGRS LTD				
0171 522 2129				
EMU Trust	107.44	111.53†	+ 0.08	5.62
Global High Inc	100.49	104.33	+ 0.13	6.10
Corporate Bond	104.47	108.45	+ 0.01	6.91
Eqty & Bond Inc	110.50	117.49	+ 0.34	5.51
European Growth	127.16	135.21	+ 0.27	
Intl PEP Trust	69.97	74.40	+ 0.14	
Equity Inc	135.87	144.46†	+ 0.49	4.17
-do- Accum	199.44	212.05	+ 0.72	4.17
Recovery	400.80	426.10	- 0.70	1.54
-do- Accum	473.80	503.70	- 0.80	1.54
St Vinc High Inc	129.41	131.35†	+ 0.21	7.43
UK Emerg Cos	311.70	331.40	- 1.00	2.31
UK Smlr Cos	418.10	425.40	- 1.20	2.59
Glob Prv Tst	117.37	124.80	+ 0.09	1.69
-do- Accum	119.88	127.47	+ 0.09	1.69
Inc Share Tst	86.52	92.00†	..	9.44
HALIFAX UT MGMT LTD				
Dealing: 0171 220 5050 01904 611110				
Balanced Inc	56.41	59.81†	+ 0.23	3.45
Balanced Acc	60.08	63.62	+ 0.25	3.45
Growth	33.55	35.57†	+ 0.18	1.67
Growth Acc	34.69	36.78	+ 0.19	1.67
Income	31.93	33.86	+ 0.14	4.30
Income Acc	34.12	36.18	+ 0.15	4.30
Accumulation Tst	25.81	27.96	+ 0.17	3.05
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 390				
High Provider	99.29	105.70†		6.63
Model Ptflio	241.80	253.90†	+ 0.30	2.58
HENDERSON TOUCHE REMNANT				
Enquiries: 0645 454840 Dealing: 0645 454646				
UK Funds				
UK Enterprise	364.66	390.18†	+ 0.68	0.95
Best of British	73.66	78.29	- 0.33	2.14
UK Smaller Cos	158.15	169.58†	+ 0.22	1.22
High Income Funds				
Income & Growth #	308.05	329.11	+ 1.04	3.30
-do- Accum #	877.23	927.82	+ 2.94	3.30
High Income	340.85	364.36†	+ 0.89	4.26
Extra Income #	285.37	303.40†	+ 0.40	6.13
Pref & Bond	48.31	49.92†	- 0.11	8.30
International				
Ethical	123.66	132.25†	+ 0.11	1.84
International	326.69	347.12	- 1.69	
Global Bond	55.62	58.65†	+ 0.08	5.66
Intl Port Tst	100.12	107.07	- 0.43	0.78
Global Tech	229.07	247.26	- 1.17	
Overseas Funds				
Asian Enterprise	195.17	208.70	+ 0.50	0.03
European	621.21	658.45	+ 1.27	0.50

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Euro Smlr Cos	193.24	206.78	+ 1.77	0.91
European Value	94.82	100.96	+ 0.35	0.47
-do- Accum	102.00	108.61	+ 0.37	0.47
Japan Trust	222.23	236.14	- 0.30	
Japan Smlr Cos	231.78	246.76	- 0.10	.
Pacific Smlr Cos	242.24	258.08	- 1.00	
North American	321.45	341.31	+ 1.19	
American Smllrs	179.22	191.38	+ 0.94	..
HIGH PEAK UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Income & Growth #	158.70	167.10†	+ 0.30	5.05
HILL SAMUEL UNIT TST MGRS				
0181 686 4355				
British	123.71	129.54	+ 0.60	1.99
Capital	204.86	214.57†	+ 0.72	1.27
Dollar	497.54	520.98	+ 2.81	...
Enterprise Gth	437.93	458.56†	+ 0.46	1.37
European	276.16	289.17	+ 0.76	0.55
Far East	315.20	330.05	+ 2.02	..
Financial	610.31	610.79	+ 0.31	2.11
Gilt & Fxd Int Inc	26.14	27.19	+ 0.02	6.81
High Yield #	111.23	116.47	+ 0.39	5.18
Income & Growth #	163.51	171.21	+ 0.46	3.82
International	295.61	308.54†	+ 0.78	0.15
Japanese General	209.45	213.31	+ 0.39	
Japan Tech	90.02	94.26	+ 0.04	
Nat Resources	86.85	90.94	- 0.12	0.07
Portfolio	87.19	91.29	+ 0.21	1.08
Special Sits	214.08	224.17†	- 0.03	0.03
UK Emerging Cos	132.03	138.25†	- 0.14	0.73
US Smaller Cos	163.63	171.34	+ 0.59	
HSBC UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Advisers 0800 181 890 Investors 0800 289 505				
Active Funds-UK				
Income #	642.00	685.20†	+ 2.40	5.51
Capital	731.70	780.90	+ 1.20	2.31
High Income #	114.30	122.00†	+ 0.38	5.91
Active Funds-International				
American Gwth	613.60	649.90	+ 2.00	0.35
European Gwth	145.20	154.30	+ 0.50	0.11
Japan Gwth	271.90	289.40	- 0.80	.
Japan Smllr Cos	33.63	35.89	+ 0.03	.
Asian	62.60	66.81	+ 0.41	0.18
Sing & Malay Gwth	85.45	91.20	+ 0.45	.
Hong Kong Gwth	139.50	148.70	+ 0.80	1.30
Global Bond	22.33	23.58	..	5.18
Index Funds-UK				
UK Index	168.70	169.50	+ 0.60	3.46
Tribe Index	129.60	132.90†	- 0.20	2.20
THE FOOTSIE FUND	65.35	65.68	+ 0.32	2.90
Index Funds-International				
American Index	281.30	282.70	+ 1.40	0.99
Eurotrack 100	196.10	197.10	+ 0.60	1.43
Japan Index	76.86	77.25		0.07
Tiger Index	204.99	205.90†	+ 1.00	
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
0171 626 3434 Dealing: 0800 010 733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
UK Smaller Cos	49.89	51.86†		0.85
General Funds				
Managed Dist	89.36	92.89	.	1.15
Managed	91.80	95.43	.	1.15
Rupert Chad Fnd	102.50	106.50		2.32
UK Growth	71.58	74.41		1.98
High Income Funds				
UK Extra Inc #	87.27	90.72†		5.70
Gilt & Fixed Int #	26.92	27.78		7.98
UK Inc & Gwth	48.54	50.46	.	3.00
UK Income #	377.60	392.50	..	4.14
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Growth	62.70	65.03†		0.11
Amer Smllr Cos	162.10	168.50		.
-do- Accum	163.80	170.30	.	
Europe Gth	232.20	240.90†	.	..
-do- Accum	240.50	249.50†		
Euro Smaller Cos	44.50	46.25		
French Growth	95.82	99.55	.	0.33
-do- Accum	103.60	107.60	.	0.33
H Kong & China	94.84	98.59		1.29
Intl Growth	68.26	70.96		0.17
-do- Accum	69.21	71.94	.	0.17
Japan Gth	31.55	32.80		
-do- Accum	31.55	32.80	..	
Japan Smaller Cos	39.51	41.07†		
Glob Emg Mkts	96.17	99.97		.
-do- Accum	96.85	100.70†		0.11
SE Asia	338.90	352.30		0.17
Overseas Income Funds				
Intl Bond #	53.38	55.01†		6.08
JOHNSON FRY UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
Enq 01277 227300 Dealing 01277 261010				
Sector Value Inc #	104.10	109.90	+ 0.30	3.68
Sector Value Gwth	105.60	110.70	+ 0.10	2.13
Hy 5 Europe	100.30	105.10	+ 0.60	2.84
Slater Gwth	166.20	175.40	- 0.50	0.74
JUPITER UT MGRS LTD				
0171 581 3020				
World Health	200.80	213.60	+ 0.40	
Income #	212.13	225.68	- 0.71	4.30
UK Growth	85.38	90.82	+ 0.02	1.89
Intl Growth	88.16	93.78†	- 0.26	0.45
Ecology	103.99	110.62	+ 0.37	0.88
European	199.29	212.01	+ 1.39	0.58
Far Eastern	305.20	324.60	...	.
UK Special Sits	50.98	54.38	+ 0.04	

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Bond Income	99.10	102.50†	- 0.10	7.27
Gilt Yield	117.00	123.40†	+ 0.10	6.86
Global Income	235.80	250.80†	+ 2.70	3.55
High Yield	154.70	164.60	+ 0.60	5.45
-do- Accum	503.50	535.60	+ 1.80	5.45
Smllr Cos Div	62.93	66.95†	+ 0.07	3.30
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	155.90	165.89	+ 1.10	
Asian Growth	331.10	352.20	+ 2.40	0.23
-do- Accum	389.10	413.90	+ 2.80	0.23
North American	108.70	115.60	+ 0.64	0.23
European Special	127.20	135.30	+ 0.30	1.23
European	181.10	192.70	+ 1.10	0.47
-do- Accum	239.60	254.90	+ 1.40	0.47
Global Eqty Inc	120.80	128.10†	+ 0.50	1.92
Japan	400.40	426.00	+ 0.10	.
Japanese Special	229.50	244.10	+ 0.50	
Smaller Cos	146.10	155.40	- 0.70	1.05
UK Equity Growth	52.11	55.44†	+ 0.31	1.80
UK Index Inc	340.80	342.50	+ 1.60	3.27
Bircham Tst	107.10	115.28†	- 1.90	2.08
-do- Accum	108.60	116.80†	- 1.00	2.08
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MGMT				
0171 407 5966				
Bridge Income	303.31	322.67	+ 0.86	4.80
Inc & Growth Inc	66.32	70.55	+ 0.41	3.83
Smaller Cos	89.30	95.00	+ 0.16	1.13
LAURENTIAN UNIT TST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 01452 371 500 Dlg: 01452 371 623				
Growth Trust	298.90	317.90	+ 0.70	2.56
High Income	115.50	122.80	+ 0.50	5.03
LAZARD UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01277 690 432				
UK Cap	461.30	489.40†	+ 1.20	2.28
UK Inc/Gth	478.90	506.00†	+ 1.40	3.84
UK Income	340.00	360.70†	+ 0.70	5.04
UK Sm Cos	313.70	335.50†	+ 0.80	1.51
Euro Gwth	164.40	174.40		0.46
N Amer Gwth	124.30	131.90		
Japan Growth	61.91	65.69		
LEGAL & GENERAL (UT MGRS) LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 690 395				
Equity Dist @	581.90	581.90†	+ 2.90	2.77
-do- Accum @	£12.04	£12.04†	+ 4.00	2.77
Equity Income @ #	104.40	104.40	- 0.40	5.06
UK Tactical Alloctn @	66.70	66.70†	+ 0.18	3.77
European @	144.60	144.60†	+ 0.30	1.51
Far Eastern @	238.60	238.60†	+ 0.90	
Fixed Interest @	53.20	53.20†	- 0.05	7.61
Gilt @	91.43	91.43	+ 0.04	6.84
Global Growth @	85.14	85.14	+ 0.13	0.53
Intl Bond @	53.71	53.71†	- 0.09	5.32
Japanese @	72.26	72.26	- 0.01	
North American @	216.50	216.50†	+ 0.90	0.70
Pacific Growth @	122.40	122.40	+ 0.60	0.19
UK Index @	77.65	77.65	+ 0.28	3.18
UK Recovery @	118.30	118.30	+ 0.20	2.18
UK Smaller Cos @	162.90	162.90		1.17
US Index @	82.80	82.80	+ 0.43	1.41
European Index @	90.81	90.81†	+ 0.23	1.73
Japan Index @	39.47	39.47		.
Worldwide @	99.77	99.77	+ 0.25	1.40
LINCOLN FUND MGRS				
01452 371 500 Dealing: 01452 371 623				
Growth	56.71	60.65	+ 0.23	2.25
Income	65.54	70.09	+ 0.41	4.15
Far East	54.14	57.90	+ 0.14	0.08
North American	133.70	142.90	+ 0.60	
Global	107.20	114.60	+ 0.40	0.39
European	95.66	102.30	+ 0.40	1.05
Japan	101.60	108.50†	- 0.30	
Intl Currency Bd	60.87	64.57	+ 0.05	4.29
SE Asia	110.10	117.70	+ 0.60	0.48
UK Cap Growth	103.60	110.88	+ 0.40	2.63
Recovery Trust	93.32	99.80	+ 0.17	1.22
Managed	77.27	82.64†	+ 0.08	1.22
Cash	51.14	51.14	+ 0.01	4.47
LLOYDS BK UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Helpdesk: 01634 834 239 Dealing: 01634 834 313				
Balanced	409.80	436.00	+ 0.60	2.11
-do- Accum	988.20	£10.30	+ 1.00	2.11
Contl Euro Gth	82.08	86.40	+ 0.87	0.81
-do- Accum	88.33	92.98	+ 0.93	0.81
Extra Inc	285.70	303.90	+ 3.50	3.92
-do- Accum	780.50	830.40	+ 9.60	3.92
FTSE 100 Inc	120.20	127.90†	+ 0.10	2.56
FTSE 100 Acc	125.50	133.60	+ 0.20	2.56
German Gth	140.10	147.50	+ 0.40	
-do- Accum	146.90	154.70	+ 0.40	.
Growth Port	668.00	710.70	+ 0.40	..
-do- Accum	687.90	731.90	+ 0.60	
High Interest Inc	98.23	98.73†	.	7.79
High Interest Acc	102.00	105.70	...	7.79
Hr Reserve Inc #	106.10	112.90†	+ 0.10	6.20
Hr Reserve Acc #	114.90	122.30		6.20
Income	556.90	592.50	+ 5.90	3.12
-do- Accum	£15.68	£16.69	+ 15.00	3.12
Income Port	559.10	594.80	- 0.40	4.31
-do- Accum	625.40	665.40	- 0.30	4.31

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
-do- Accum	104.10	110.80	- 0.20	
Master Trust	68.00	72.35	+ 0.04	1.40
-do- Accum	78.52	83.54	+ 0.05	1.40
Millennium Acc	94.84	100.90		2.33
N American Gen	242.60	258.10	+ 0.80	
-do- Accum	280.80	298.80	+ 1.00	...
NAm Sm Co Rec	201.70	214.60	- 1.20	
-do- Accum	205.90	219.10	- 1.20	
Pacific Basin	260.10	276.80	+ 1.20	0.33
-do- Accum	277.10	294.80	+ 1.30	0.33
Small Cos Rec	538.80	556.70	+ 0.60	1.62
-do- Accum	724.70	762.80	+ 1.10	1.62
UK Eq Gth	163.50	174.00†	+ 0.10	2.53
UK Eq Inc	130.00	138.20	- 0.30	3.87
UK Growth	105.80	112.60	+ 0.10	1.81
-do- Accum	132.80	141.38	+ 0.10	1.81
Worldwide Gth	356.50	378.30	+ 0.20	0.45
-do- Accum	626.90	660.80	+ 0.40	0.45
LONDON & MANCHESTER TST MGMT				
01392 282 673				
American	86.78	92.98	+ 0.25	0.70
General	108.43	116.34	- 0.02	2.70
Income	72.23	77.50†	- 0.04	5.30
International	73.93	79.32	- 0.03	0.50
Japan	56.98	61.13†	- 0.28	
Tst of Inv Trusts	77.07	82.69	- 0.07	1.00
M & G SECURITIES				
Cust Svcs/Unit Dlg: 01245 390 390				
Amer & General	523.70	553.20†	+ 3.20	0.42
-do- Accum	655.50	692.40†	+ 3.90	0.42
Amer Recovery	566.40	599.00	+ 5.60	0.31
-do- Accum	653.30	691.00	+ 6.50	0.31
Amer Smllr Cos	166.20	175.80	+ 1.10	
-do- Accum	169.80	179.60	+ 1.10	
Australasian	205.60	217.40†	- 1.30	2.42
-do- Accum	258.30	273.10†	- 1.60	2.42
Capital	992.30	1049.40†	+ 2.50	2.72
-do- Accum	1184.80	1253.00†	+ 3.00	2.72
Charifund	748.10	755.60	+ 4.40	5.96
-do- Accum	3829.30	3867.60	+ 22.40	5.96
Commodity	481.90	509.60	+ 3.30	0.28
-do- Accum	712.60	753.50	+ 4.60	0.28
Compound Gth	1117.50	1181.80	+ 4.90	2.85
-do- Accum	1219.10	1289.20	+ 5.20	2.85
Corporate Bond	25.17	25.28		7.70
Dividend	44.30	46.80	.	4.68
-do- Accum	195.90	207.40	+ 0.38	4.68
Equity Income	330.40	349.40†	+ 0.70	5.53
-do- Accum	458.20	484.60†	+ 1.10	5.53
Euro & General	629.70	665.99	+ 1.10	0.89
-do- Accum	808.80	856.20	+ 1.30	0.89
Euro Dividend	79.50	84.10	+ 0.20	3.64
-do- Accum	101.10	107.10	+ 0.30	3.64
Extra Yield	453.10	479.20†	+ 2.60	5.17
-do- Accum	1532.60	1620.80†	+ 8.60	5.17
Fund of Inv Tsts	718.80	760.10	+ 0.20	2.03
-do- Accum	1379.80	1458.80	+ 0.20	2.03
General	69.20	73.20	+ 0.20	3.77
-do- Accum	203.70	215.70	+ 0.70	3.77
Gilt Income	60.28	60.37†	.	7.30
-do- Accum	182.67	182.94†	+ 0.02	7.30
Gold	83.20	88.00	- 1.40	
-do- Accum	99.50	105.30	- 1.70	
High Income	32.80	34.70	+ 0.10	4.69
-do- Accum	140.70	148.50	+ 0.70	4.69
Intl Growth	90.87	96.00†	+ 0.40	0.59
-do- Accum	160.70	170.00†	+ 0.80	0.59
International Inc	111.40	117.80	+ 0.50	4.47
-do- Accum	174.50	184.40	+ 0.60	4.47
Japan & Gen	40.20	42.50		
-do- Accum	43.20	45.60	- 0.10	
Japan Smlr Cos	148.40	156.90	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	149.50	158.00	- 0.10	
Managed Gwth	27.20	28.70	+ 0.10	1.71
Managed Income	29.60	31.10†	+ 0.10	4.30
Midland	63.40	67.00		3.32
-do- Accum	220.00	232.60		3.32
Pension Ex	1092.80	1120.20	+ 3.50	4.28
Recovery	48.50	51.30	+ 0.20	2.64
-do- Accum	83.40	88.30	+ 0.30	2.64
Second General	76.10	80.50	+ 0.10	3.81
-do- Accum	206.40	218.30	+ 0.30	3.81
Smaller Cos	70.20	74.20†	- 0.20	3.39
-do- Accum	145.40	153.70†	- 0.40	3.39
Sth East Asia	379.60	401.40†	+ 1.30	1.35
-do- Accum	508.40	537.60†	+ 1.70	1.35
Treasury	25.14	25.19†	+ 0.01	5.45
Trustee	44.30	46.80	+ 0.10	4.90
-do- Accum	188.30	199.30	+ 0.50	4.90
MGM UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 01277 261 010 Enq: 01903 204 631				
European Growth	100.39	106.79	+ 0.22	1.24
Intl Bond	65.39	68.69	+ 0.07	5.27
Intl Equity Growth	85.92	91.27	+ 0.23	0.79
N Amer Growth	134.68	143.10†	+ 0.60	0.80
Special Sits Growth	27.27	29.01†		1.93
UK Growth	463.70	493.29	+ 0.01	2.51
-do- Accum	629.19	669.35	- 0.01	2.51
MW JOINT INVESTORS LTD				
01620 825867				
Balanced Fd #	1465.00	1487.80	.	2.90
Income #	1025.50	1041.50	.	4.40
MALDON UNIT TRUST MGRS LTD				
0131 222 4242				
Maldon General	165.90	170.90†		4.67
For Manulife see Canada Life				

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST LTD				
0800 363432				
M & S Inv Ptflio	178.40	183.90	+ 0.70	2.55
-do- Accum	211.70	218.20	+ 0.80	2.55
UK Sel Ptflio	158.40	163.30	+ 0.80	2.54
-do- Accum	190.90	196.80	+ 0.90	2.54
UK 100 Cos	115.40	115.40†	+ 0.70	2.88
MARLBOROUGH FUND MGRS LTD				
01204 364 842				
Managed Tst	71.83	76.42	+ 0.43	3.78
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0131 479 4646				
Intl Income	82.42	87.49†	+ 0.06	3.71
European	106.30	112.80	.	0.62
Income #	83.75	88.91†	+ 0.29	4.35
Nth American	95.00	100.80	+ 0.70	0.24
Far East	178.70	189.70	+ 0.40	0.08
Japan	61.60	65.39	- 0.07	
Emrging Mkts	87.14	93.20	+ 0.12	.
Intl Growth	129.60	137.60	+ 0.20	0.86
UK Growth	126.59	134.30	+ 0.50	2.45
UK Smlr Co	62.60	66.45	- 0.14	1.34
Asia Pacific	37.69	40.31	+ 0.13	0.71
Glob Gwth PEP	62.14	65.96	+ 0.03	1.23
MATHESON UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0161 831 7433				
Select Portfolio	103.60	110.30	+ 0.20	.
MAYFLOWER MANAGEMENT CO LTD				
0171 407 5966				
Income	460.14	489.51†	+ 1.41	4.53
Global Inc	73.17	77.84†	+ 0.04	4.22
Brit Leaders	395.68	420.94†	+ 1.01	3.49
Intl Leaders	229.49	244.14†	+ 0.63	1.38
FAM Mg Bal Grth	73.06	75.91†	- 0.22	0.47
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
Dealing: 0800 445522				
American	269.90	284.70	+ 1.100	
-do- Accum	288.80	304.30	+ 1.100	
American Opps	138.00	145.10	+ 0.700	.
-do- Accum	137.70	145.90	+ 0.700	.
British Blue Chip	97.36	103.30	+ 0.100	2.33
-do- Accum	123.90	131.50	+ 0.200	2.33
Cash	100.70	100.70		5.36
-do- Accum	147.90	147.90		5.36
Emerging Mkts	128.20	137.80	- 0.40	0.10
-do- Accum	129.70	139.50	- 0.50	0.10
European Growth	326.90	346.50†	+ 1.400	0.13
-do- Accum	356.20	377.50†	+ 1.400	0.13
European Income	92.45	98.13	+ 0.400	2.93
-do- Accum	133.00	141.10	+ 0.700	2.93
General	618.70	655.70†	- 1.60	1.89
-do- Accum	1262.00	1341.00†	- 4.00	1.89
Global Bond	135.30	142.00	- 0.10	5.72
-do- Accum	174.30	183.00	- 0.10	5.72
Gold & General	238.60	258.00	- 1.50	0.35
-do- Accum	246.90	265.00	- 1.40	0.35
Govt Securities	93.29	96.19	+ 0.040	6.02
-do- Accum	195.60	201.60	+ 0.100	6.02
High Yield Bd	99.22	101.70†	.	7.39
-do- Accum	105.40	108.00†	...	7.39
Income	188.70	198.20†	+ 0.300	4.24
-do- Accum	309.80	328.70†	+ 0.400	4.24
Inc Portfolio #	113.00	119.50	+ 0.100	4.79
-do- Accum #	122.10	129.20	+ 0.100	4.79
Intl Opps	577.80	616.30	+ 0.800	0.14
-do- Accum	779.70	831.70	+ 1.200	0.14
Japan	168.80	179.80	- 0.10	
-do- Accum	173.30	184.60	- 0.20	
New Europe	239.20	255.10	+ 0.600	0.79
-do- Accum	248.80	265.40	+ 0.500	0.79
Pacific	115.70	123.40		0.83
-do- Accum	124.60	132.90	- 0.10	0.83
Recovery	455.60	486.00	- 0.50	0.53
-do- Accum	597.80	637.70	- 0.80	0.53
UK Smaller Cos	65.04	69.38†	- 0.32	0.74
-do- Accum	75.10	80.11†	- 0.37	0.74
Portfolio	94.40	100.70	+ 0.100	2.30
-do- Accum	115.40	122.40	+ 0.100	2.30
Managed Gth	121.90	127.50		1.01
Managed Inc	120.10	124.70	+ 0.200	2.90
METROPOLITAN UT MGRS LTD				
01707 662 233				
Eurogwth Plus	156.01	165.97	+ 0.64	0.14
Portfolio	80.63	85.99	+ 0.08	1.40
UK Income Inc	89.86	95.60†	+ 0.19	4.55
MIDLAND UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0345 456 123 Dlg: 0345 456 126				
Balanced	68.43	72.70	- 0.09	2.63
-do- Accum	76.03	79.61	- 0.10	2.63
British Tst	108.00	113.00	+ 0.40	2.79
-do- Accum	126.80	132.70	+ 0.50	2.79
Corp Bond Inc	98.40	103.00†		7.00
-do- Accum	101.70	106.30†	.	7.00
Extra High Inc	70.31	73.62	+ 0.15	7.19
-do- Accum	148.30	155.20	+ 0.30	7.19
FT-SE 100 Acc	69.18	72.43	+ 0.35	3.01
FT-SE 100 Dist	65.26	68.33	+ 0.33	3.01
Gilt & Fxd Int	55.29	57.53†	+ 0.01	8.28
-do- Accum	176.10	183.30†	+ 0.10	8.28
High Yield	237.40	248.60	+ 0.60	5.68
-do- Accum	643.90	674.20	+ 1.70	5.68
Income	314.60	334.70†	+ 1.20	4.87
-do- Accum	749.50	784.80†	+ 2.80	4.87
Money Market UT	49.42	49.42†	+ 0.01	4.45
-do- Accum	82.78	82.78†	+ 0.02	4.45
Monthly Income	93.16	97.55†	+ 0.25	4.77
Midland Personal Pension Unit Trust				
British	132.98	141.40	+ 0.60	1.59

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Gilt & Fixed	98.40	104.40		5.31
Income	102.80	109.40	- 0.50	2.34
Japan Growth	50.72	53.75	- 0.43	
Managed	83.42	88.74	- 0.25	1.98
Money Market	94.81	100.50		4.00
North American	110.00	116.80	+ 0.50	0.38
Midland FSAVCS Unit Trust				
British	120.60	128.30	- 0.60	1.38
European Growth	124.00	131.90	- 0.80	0.01
Gilt & Fixed Int	92.90	98.54	- 0.22	5.32
Income	100.80	107.20	+ 0.40	2.43
Japan Growth	50.47	53.50	- 0.49	
Managed	79.12	84.17	- 0.37	1.97
Money Market	87.44	92.68	+ 0.02	3.96
North American	99.37	105.30	- 0.40	0.46
Midland Executive Pension Unit Trust				
British	119.80	127.40	- 0.50	1.38
European Growth	121.40	128.60	- 0.90	
Gilt & Fixed Int	83.65	88.73	+ 0.02	5.56
Income	98.23	104.50	- 0.40	2.45
Japan Growth	51.59	54.69	- 0.49	.
Managed	82.32	87.57	+ 0.24	1.98
Money Market	79.80	84.59	+ 0.02	4.11
North American	111.30	117.90	- 0.43	0.36
MILLENNIUM FUND MGMT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
International (US$)	15.04	15.94		
MORGAN GRENFELL INVEST FDS LTD				
Dealers: 0171 588 7474 Enquiries: 0171 588 7171				
American Gwth	469.60	498.90†	- 1.20	
European Gth Inc	563.90	604.50	- 4.30	
-do- Accum	570.00	611.10	- 4.30	
Intl Gwth	227.20	241.30	- 0.10	
UK Equity Inc	226.00	240.40	+ 0.60	3.79
Do. Accum	303.10	322.40	+ 0.80	3.79
UK Ind Trckr Inc	193.40	206.40†	- 0.70	3.11
-do- Accum	239.30	255.40†	+ 0.90	3.11
US Eq Ind Trk Inc	273.40	289.40	- 1.30	0.66
Japan Tracker	72.23	76.17	- 0.06	
Asian Tracker	221.00	238.40	+ 1.10	0.14
Mngd Ptflio Inc	188.90	201.50	+ 0.20	1.95
Mngd Ptflio Acc	206.10	219.90	- 0.30	1.35
Deposit Inc	99.71	99.71	+ 0.01	5.29
Europa	265.50	285.20†	- 1.00	
Genesis	217.70	234.90	- 0.40	2.38
High Income	21.17	22.44†	+ 0.01	10.00
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UT MGMT				
0345 090 633				
Acumen	108.90	111.20		2.20
Acumen Inc	99.73	101.90	..	2.20
Acumen Reserve	93.68	94.62†	- 0.01	7.66
-do- Inc	73.51	74.25†	+ 0.01	7.66
Americas Growth	71.93	73.82†	- 0.21	
Equity Income #	104.10	106.70†	+ 0.30	4.58
European	82.09	83.65†	- 0.33	0.58
Smaller Cos	96.04	100.50	- 0.10	1.06
W wide Eqty	77.90	79.42†	- 0.10	
Global Bond	44.85	45.44	+ 0.01	5.54
UK Growth	114.80	117.80	- 0.10	1.59
Pacific Growth	119.60	123.20	- 0.42	3.60
Japan Growth	97.99	99.50	- 0.36	
NFU MUTUAL UNIT MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
Avon Equity	147.29	157.33	+ 0.51	2.73
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
0161 839 8262				
UK Growth	90.75	96.53†	- 0.38	2.33
UK Income	126.63	134.39	- 0.34	4.30
Higher Income	240.51	254.54	- 1.13	4.40
Smaller Cos	106.83	113.24†	- 0.53	1.38
International	111.32	118.42	- 0.51	1.43
NPI INVESTMENT MGRS				
0171 623 4200				
Americas Dist	130.70	139.00	- 0.20	0.08
European Dist	145.90	155.20	+ 0.90	0.27
Far East Dist	197.00	209.60†	- 0.10	
Global Care Dist	87.48	93.05	+ 0.10	0.36
Oseas Dist	1175.90	1251.00†	+ 3.00	.
-do- Accum	1529.30	1626.90	+ 3.20	.
UK Dist	432.20	459.80	- 2.40	2.18
-do- Accum	878.10	934.20	+ 5.10	2.18
UK Extra Inc Dist	94.69	100.73†	+ 0.04	2.98
Wwide Dist	122.70	130.50	- 0.50	
Wwide Inc Dist	89.29	94.99	+ 0.47	1.38
NATWEST UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Dlg: 01277 690 280 Admin Enq: 01277 690 398				
Europe Inc	78.04	82.36	- 0.20	0.73
Fund of Funds Inc	70.20	74.09	+ 0.19	1.75
North America Inc	68.45	72.24	+ 0.27	0.35
UK Equity Gth Inc	69.05	72.58	- 0.08	2.77
-do- Accum	74.33	78.45	+ 0.08	2.77
UK General Inc	62.87	72.69	+ 0.24	2.81
UK Gilt/Fix Int Inc	48.75	51.35	+ 0.04	6.54
UK Income Inc	65.16	69.83†	- 0.22	4.15
NEWTON FUND MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0500 550 000 Dealing: 0500 440 000				
American	55.55	59.04	+ 0.12	
-do- Accum	55.92	59.49	+ 0.12	
Bond	125.25	131.13	+ 0.23	5.43
Cash Income	50.70	50.70	+ 0.01	5.29
-do- Accum	62.52	62.32	+ 0.01	5.29
Distribution	103.27	109.85†	+ 0.13	2.97
European	56.30	59.89	- 0.13	.
Foundation	109.92	117.00†	+ 0.21	2.68
General Inc	216.91	230.64	- 1.37	1.53
General Acc	216.57	232.94	- 0.21	1.53
Global	275.79	309.77†	- 0.41	
Growth Inc	145.26	154.53	- 1.11	2.39
Growth Acc	147.25	156.64	- 1.19	2.39
Higher Income Inc	31.57	33.58†	- 0.25	4.71
-do- Accum	38.46	40.91†	- 0.07	4.71
Income	259.22	275.76	- 0.78	3.48
Intrepid	143.40	149.27		1.71
Japan	27.12	28.85†	- 0.01	
Oriental Inc	153.94	163.65†	- 1.08	0.53
-do- Accum	159.43	169.65†	- 1.12	0.53
Pers Int Gwth	35.27	33.58	+ 0.09	
NORTHERN ROCK UNIT TRUST LTD				
0191 285 2555				
High Income #	47.66	50.43	+ 0.09	6.40
Managed	114.60	121.30		2.42
NORWICH UNION TST MANAGERS				
01603 682 234				
Master Trust	142.68	150.79†	+ 0.39	0.97
UK Equity	170.34	179.30†	+ 1.10	2.87
UK Equity Income	153.27	161.34	- 0.70	3.20
UK Smaller Cos	140.25	147.63†	- 0.43	1.52
UK Equity Growth	155.07	163.23	- 0.39	1.15
UK Index Trckg	168.79	178.13†	- 1.02	3.41
Intl Index Trckg	170.91	180.38†	+ 0.64	0.95
International	279.73	294.45†	+ 1.23	0.72
European	253.71	267.05†	- 0.63	0.33
Pan European	169.71	178.64	- 0.29	1.29
Nth American	242.53	255.29	- 1.52	0.11
N Amer Smlr Cos	245.78	258.72†	+ 1.28	
Japanese	92.70	97.58†	+ 0.18	
Pacific	243.87	256.71†	+ 0.77	0.60
South East Asian	280.05	294.79	+ 1.67	0.77
Intl Bond	136.20	142.37†	+ 0.20	4.35
Gilt & Convertible	108.28	113.98†	- 0.06	5.22
Property	83.51	87.91†	- 0.02	5.80
OLD MUTUAL FUND MGRS LTD				
01256 768 888				
European Inc	355.60	382.60	+ 1.90	0.10
-do- Accum	377.70	406.30	+ 2.00	0.10
Japan Inc	110.20	117.60	- 0.30	
Nth American Inc	136.80	145.60†	+ 0.90	0.87
Worldwide Inc	177.80	191.10†	+ 0.80	0.16
Hong Kong Inc	170.70	183.40†	+ 0.50	1.30
Swiss Equities Inc	89.49	95.64	- 0.42	..
Wwide Bond Inc	66.37	70.21†	+ 0.21	5.32
Emging Asia Inc	197.50	215.40	+ 1.90	0.15
-do- Accum	198.20	216.30	+ 1.90	0.15
UK Money Mkt Inc	50.24	50.24†	..	5.82
Thailand Inc	138.60	150.50	+ 4.60	1.16
New Zealand Inc	102.10	109.60	- 0.60	2.58
Int Mngd PEP Inc	70.75	75.82	+ 0.33	0.84
Latin Am Cmp Inc	66.22	70.96	- 0.25	0.34
UK All Sh Mier Inc	70.99	72.15	+ 0.27	2.70
Broker Unit Trusts				
Global Trustees	87.62	93.71	- 0.23	
Global Portfolio	78.27	83.71	- 0.34	...
Global Opps	67.78	72.49	- 0.26	..
Marsh Global Gth	68.86	73.23	- 0.11	.
CAM Brit Gwth Inc	108.70	116.50	+ 0.80	
Temple Equity Inc	48.78	52.91	+ 0.37	4.29
Hartley Growth	113.68	120.80†	- 0.20	0.53
Intl Growth Inc	88.00	94.12	- 0.14	0.74
IPS Portfolio Inc	91.81	98.19	- 1.40	
Premier Ptnrs Inc	71.81	76.80	- 0.08	1.40
Roxburgh Strat Gth	81.58	87.25	- 0.22	0.87
International Strat	85.06	90.49	- 0.09	..
UFC Intl-Act Grth	63.14	67.53	- 0.21	
Chatfeild Port of Fds	55.94	60.30	- 0.18	.
Lowes Intl Growth	52.02	54.76†	- 0.04	
PM UT MGRS LTD				
0171 588 3963				
Equity Gth	249.50	265.40	- 1.30	1.14
European Gth	129.10	138.90	+ 0.30	0.65
Income & Gth #	161.70	172.00†	+ 0.30	2.77
Japan Gth	111.80	118.90	- 0.40	.
Nth Amer Gth	209.70	223.10	+ 0.90	..
Overseas Gth	121.80	129.80	+ 0.30	0.06
PEARL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Dlg: 0800 626 577 Enq: 01733 470 470				
Equity	279.80	297.40	- 0.10	2.44
-do- Accum	612.00	651.00	- 0.10	2.44
Growth	183.20	192.70	- 0.10	2.88
Income	272.70	290.00	+ 0.30	3.56
Intl Equity	285.50	303.60†	+ 0.50	0.68
-do- Accum	319.70	340.00	+ 0.50	0.68
UK Income	74.44	79.19	+ 0.08	3.18
UK Intl 25	94.10	100.10	+ 0.10	2.04
New Europe	101.40	107.80	+ 0.30	0.18
PERPETUAL UNIT TST MGMT				
01491 417 000				
Intl Growth Inc	690.82	738.62	+ 2.52	0.33
-do- Accum	693.53	741.51	+ 2.53	0.33
Income	437.45	467.87	+ 2.10	3.14
Wwide Recovery	461.46	493.55	+ 1.90	0.53
Amer Growth Inc	318.71	337.68	+ 0.31	0.01
-do- Accum	316.71	337.66	+ 0.31	0.01
Intl Emerging Cos	297.43	318.11	+ 0.62	0.05
Far Estn Gth Inc	312.34	334.06	- 0.77	0.96
-do- Accum	313.48	335.28	- 0.77	0.96
Euro Gwth Inc	180.10	192.13	+ 0.63	0.55
-do- Accum	180.72	192.79	+ 0.62	0.55
UK Growth Inc	115.36	123.38	+ 0.75	2.65
-do- Accum	123.89	132.51	+ 0.80	2.65
High Income	113.35	121.23	+ 0.44	3.89
Jap Gwth Inc	205.19	219.45	+ 0.05	0.34
-do- Accum	205.19	219.46	+ 0.05	0.34
PEP Bond	52.20	54.55	- 0.02	7.62
PEP Growth	146.07	156.18	+ 0.55	0.88
Asian Str Mkts Inc	136.58	146.08	+ 0.52	0.23
-do- Accum	136.91	146.43	+ 0.52	0.23
Amer Smlr Co Inc	205.78	220.09	+ 0.18	0.01
-do- Accum	205.78	220.09	+ 0.18	0.01
Global Bond	56.09	59.22†	+ 0.01	5.36
UK Smaller Cos Inc	109.91	117.56	+ 0.13	1.40
-do- Accum	117.09	125.23	+ 0.13	1.40
PILGRIM UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
0191 201 3927				
American	141.22	150.23	+ 0.52	..
European	93.76	99.74†	- 0.59	
Global	70.35	74.84	- 0.08	
Pacific	81.34	85.25	- 0.14	
UK Inc & Gth	81.39	86.58†	+ 0.01	1.67
PORTFOLIO FUND MGMT LTD				
Enq: 0171 638 0808 Dlg: 01277 690 420				
Emerg Mkts	50.91	52.92†	- 0.12	0.98
Fund of Funds Inc	195.64	207.03	- 0.57	0.57
Fund of Funds Acc	197.09	208.56	- 0.56	0.57
High Income #	54.42	57.58†	- 0.11	5.64
Performance	47.44	50.47	- 0.12	...
PRINCIPAL UNIT TRUST MGMT LTD				
01732 740 700				
Principal Tst	177.37	188.70†	+ 1.10	2.04
PROLIFIC UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
Enquiries: 0171 280 3700 Dealing: 0800 282 443				
American Income	122.80	130.60†	+ 0.10	3.26
Conv & Gilt	119.00	126.60†	+ 0.40	4.98
European Income	89.75	95.48	+ 0.61	2.98
Extra Income	187.00	198.90	+ 0.40	4.50
-do- Accum	241.30	256.70	+ 0.50	4.50
Far East	421.50	448.40		0.06
-do- Accum	430.40	457.90	+ 0.10	0.06
Global Income	29.18	31.05†	+ 0.14	3.87
High Income	141.10	150.10	+ 1.50	4.26
-do- Accum	178.00	189.30	+ 1.90	4.26
International	219.40	233.40	+ 0.30	0.57
-do- Accum	227.30	241.80	+ 0.30	0.57
Pref & Fxd Int	42.68	45.40†	+ 0.03	7.65
Recovery	91.67	97.52	. 0.14	2.10

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Special Sits	149.50	159.10	- 0.20	1.31
-do- Accum	165.70	176.30	- 0.20	1.31
Technology	701.40	746.20	- 1.00	
UK Slm Cap	83.07	84.69†	- 0.20	2.94
-do- Accum	104.20	110.90	- 0.20	2.94
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
0181 478 3377 Client Enq: 0171 911 4490				
Managed Tst	46.37	49.05†	+ 0.12	1.50
Cash Haven Inc	101.17	101.66†	- 0.01	4.79
Cash Haven Acc	119.60	119.18	- 2.01	4.79
Dist Trust Inc	107.08	110.96†	- 0.29	5.90
Dist Trust Acc	120.00	124.35	- 0.31	5.90
Global Growth	106.56	113.36†	+ 0.20	1.23
Equity Inc	90.85	96.65†	+ 0.49	4.76
Equity	899.73	957.16	+ 2.52	2.46
European	269.57	273.35	+ 1.54	0.83
High Income	92.72	98.64†	+ 0.34	5.30
Intl Gth	225.15	239.46†	+ 1.79	1.15
Intl Sm Co	98.87	105.19	+ 0.20	0.45
Japanese	215.16	222.56†	- 0.09	
Nth Amer	240.01	248.72†	- 1.54	1.37
Pacific Mkts	117.38	127.64†	- 0.67	0.69
Premier Inc	48.33	50.30†	- 0.01	6.74
Sm Cos	114.23	121.52	- 0.45	1.67
Spec Sits	129.11	137.35†	+ 0.06	2.78
UK Growth	148.72	158.21†	+ 0.33	2.45
QUILTER FUND MANAGEMENT LTD				
0171 407 5966				
HS Inc Inv Inc	82.35	86.59†	- 0.08	3.96
Investment Trust	116.25	122.24†	- 0.23	0.64
UK Smaller Cos	111.29	117.02	- 0.08	1.19
RELIANCE UNIT MGRS LTD				
01892 510 033				
Britsh Life	344.30	365.20	+ 0.10	3.43
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
Dealers: 0171 623 1000				
Five Arrows Funds				
America (Inc)	674.97	716.91†	- 3.51	0.16
America (Acc)	790.86	840.00	+ 4.11	0.16
Amer Smlr Cos	60.81	65.03	- 0.16	
Asia	55.02	58.83	- 0.24	
European	417.91	442.86	+ 0.65	0.58
Japan	232.04	246.89	- 1.00	
Jap Smllr Cos	41.56	44.35	- 0.11	
Major UK Cos	118.71	126.52	+ 0.02	2.04
Smllr UK Cos	407.98	444.48†	+ 1.15	1.07
UK Equity Inc	187.59	200.25	- 0.18	3.57
Five Arrows Portfolio Fund				
Asia Pacific	51.06	53.32	- 0.01	
Cash	48.30	50.37	- 0.01	2.89
Emerging Mkts	49.33	51.51	- 0.05	
Europe	62.54	65.31	- 0.29	
Global Fixed Int #	51.87	54.17	- 0.09	5.65
Japan	43.03	44.93	- 0.23	.
North America	69.61	72.69	- 0.15	
UK	66.61	69.41	- 0.25	0.48
UK Equity Inc #	62.01	64.75	- 0.18	4.01
UK Fixed Int #	51.04	53.30	+ 0.10	7.28
Portfolio Service PEP				
Pep Gth Port	51.97	53.79	- 0.18	
Pep Inc Port #	50.47	52.30	- 0.10	4.17
RAM Personal Pension				
Deposit	90.15	94.89	- 0.07	
Gilt	99.58	104.97	- 0.09	
Managed	117.09	123.24	- 1.50	
Portfolio	50.87	53.54	- 0.16	
ROYAL LIFE FD MGMT LTD				
Prices: 01733 282 828 Gen Enq: 01733 390 000				
United States	121.10	128.80	- 0.20	0.24
Pacific Basin	82.12	88.17	- 0.16	0.26
High Inc Dist	159.00	170.90	- 0.30	3.95
Ryl Life Intl Cnry	62.54	67.12†	+ 0.01	3.66
Ryl Life Intl Gwth	78.81	83.97†	- 0.08	
Ryl Life Intl Spec	73.80	78.51	- 0.09	
UK Emerging Cos	143.00	154.50	- 0.40	1.54
UK Index Trckg	200.10	212.70	- 0.50	3.51
European	172.40	184.70	- 0.20	0.25
Managed	180.80	134.40	- 0.40	1.02
ROYAL LONDON UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01206 764 400				
American Growth	198.00	210.60	+ 1.10	1.35
European Growth	139.30	147.70†	- 0.30	1.98
Far East Growth	144.30	153.60	+ 0.40	0.87
Japan Growth	127.00	134.90	- 0.60	0.22
Special Sits	251.20	267.20†	- 1.90	1.92
UK Growth	102.10	108.60	- 0.20	2.92
Trilion General	289.80	308.30	- 0.20	1.77
ST JAMES'S PLACE UT GROUP LTD				
0141 307 6500				
Far East Inc	175.90	186.10	+ 0.60	0.60
Gt Euro Prog Inc	419.90	444.30	- 0.30	0.49
-do- Accum	656.10	694.30	- 0.50	0.49
Growth Inc	155.00	164.00	.	0.61
-do- Accum	159.30	168.60		0.61
International Inc	408.90	432.70	- 0.20	0.53
-do- Accum	565.90	598.70	- 0.30	0.53
Nth Am & Intl Inc	407.50	431.20	+ 2.00	0.05
UK Gen Prog Inc	255.20	270.00	.	1.10
-do- Accum	292.20	309.20		1.10
UK High Inc Inc	148.20	156.80	+ 0.60	4.59
SANWA INTL INVEST SERVICES LTD				
0171 330 0572				
Asian Gwth	121.46	129.21	+ 0.49	0.75
European Gwth	90.79	96.58	+ 0.58	1.00
Global Bd	60.97	64.44†	+ 0.11	5.00
Japan	54.01	57.46	- 0.23	.
UK Gwth	90.73	96.51	+ 0.11	1.75
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
Clients: 0800 829 100 Brokerline: 0800 727 770				
Amer Inc & Gwth #	90.65	96.44	+ 0.26	3.13
Amer Smlr Cos	151.80	161.50	+ 0.20	.
Capital Portfolio	157.60	167.70	+ 0.30	0.89
Cash	134.90	134.90		5.12
China Dragon	64.85	68.14	+ 0.15	1.31
Commodity	153.40	163.20	+ 0.80	.
Emerging Mkts	37.68	40.09	- 0.10	0.30
Energy Inds	174.50	185.60	+ 0.80	
European Gwth	238.40	253.80	+ 0.40	0.29
Euro Inc & Gwth #	95.85	101.80†	+ 0.20	2.08
Euro Smllr Cos	74.02	78.74	+ 0.09	0.23
Exempt Income #	157.60	160.60†	+ 0.28	3.99
Extra Income #	56.53	58.38†	+ 0.07	6.00
Far Eastern	110.50	117.60	- 0.28	..
FE Sm Cos	44.49	47.33	- 0.08	
Financial Secs	307.00	326.60	+ 1.40	0.78
Gold & Exploration	114.70	122.00	- 1.10	.
Growth	448.70	451.00	- 0.59	1.69
High Income #	48.78	48.78†	...	7.50
High Yield #	266.30	283.30	+ 0.50	2.91
Intl Bond	165.90	175.30†	..	5.83
ITU	240.20	255.50	- 0.20	1.00
Income #	134.40	143.00†	+ 0.30	3.56
Japan Growth	178.40	189.60†	- 0.90	
Japan Smaller	200.60	213.40	- 0.40	
Korea	53.73	57.16	- 0.82	
Latin America	41.25	43.88	- 0.07	0.93
Mcfarland	66.19	66.52	+ 0.02	0.95
Premier Eq Grth	161.70	172.00	+ 0.20	1.02
Premier Eq Inc #	361.90	385.00	+ 0.50	3.39
Scotyields #	283.40	301.50†	+ 0.50	2.31
Select Intl	157.10	167.10	+ 0.10	0.68
Smaller Cos Inc #	271.20	288.50	+ 0.20	3.29
SE Asia	51.17	54.37	+ 0.01	0.08
Southern Africa	57.46	61.13†	+ 0.16	1.33
UK & O'seas	199.40	212.10	+ 0.10	1.05
UK Eqty Gth	81.89	87.12	+ 0.11	1.48
UK Eqty Inc #	257.10	273.50	+ 0.60	4.31
UK Grth & Inc #	292.20	310.90†	+ 0.60	3.24
UK Sm Cos	61.54	65.47	+ 0.15	1.22
US Growth	214.40	228.10	+ 1.00	
Univ Growth	160.30	170.50	+ 0.20	0.71
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Clnt: 0800 526 535 Bdr: 0800 526 540				
Retail Funds				
American	339.76	359.34	+ 1.09	0.56
-do- Accum	374.72	396.32	+ 1.21	0.56
European Gwth	92.17	97.60	+ 0.51	0.92
Euro Smllr Cos	113.28	120.37	+ 0.35	0.23
Far Eastern Gth	109.66	116.97†	+ 0.70	
-do- Accum	111.78	119.23†	+ 0.71	
Gilt & Fixed Int #	50.69	53.62†	+ 0.08	7.70
Global Bond #	51.11	52.80	+ 0.01	6.46
-do- Accum #	60.89	62.91	+ 0.01	6.46
Global Emer Mkts	56.75	60.53	+ 0.03	
-do- Accum	56.80	60.59	+ 0.04	
Income #	414.87	442.52†	+ 2.58	5.00
-do- Accum #	£14.05	£14.98†	+ 8.72	5.00
Japan Smllr Cos	438.68	467.92	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	439.56	468.85	- 0.30	.
Japan Enterprise	64.62	68.92	- 0.04	.
Pacific Gwth	159.89	170.54†	+ 0.35	0.68
-do- Accum	165.82	176.66†	+ 0.37	0.68
Portfolio	95.74	102.12†	+ 0.39	1.72
-do- Accum	106.49	113.58†	+ 0.43	1.72
Seoul	45.21	48.22	- 0.30	
-do- Accum	45.21	48.22	- 0.30	
Smaller Cos	325.29	346.97	+ 0.17	0.70
Strategic Inc	101.30	108.09†	+ 0.22	2.30
Strategic Acc	102.24	108.99†	+ 0.22	2.30
Tokyo	123.92	132.18†	- 0.19	
-do- Accum	125.18	133.52†	- 0.18	
UK Enterprise	337.17	359.64	+ 1.56	2.17
-do- Accum	416.65	444.43	+ 1.92	2.17
UK Equity	305.83	326.21	+ 1.49	2.45
-do- Accum	618.15	659.35	+ 3.00	2.45
US Smllr Cos	228.30	243.52	+ 0.61	.
-do- Accum	228.30	243.52	+ 0.61	.
Institutional Funds				
European	292.59	303.35†	+ 0.88	1.46
-do- Accum	330.42	342.57†	+ 0.99	1.46
Euro Smllr Cos	37.77	39.29	+ 0.05	1.17
-do- Accum	40.64	42.27	+ 0.06	1.17
Global Equity Inc	92.49	96.34	+ 0.09	0.93
Japan Smllr Cos	38.24	39.83	- 0.07	0.10
-do- Accum	38.62	40.22	- 0.07	0.10
Mngd Balanced	225.59	234.98†	+ 0.45	3.21
-do- Accum	265.09	276.13†	+ 0.53	3.21
Overseas Equity	221.21	230.42	+ 0.46	1.22
-do- Accum	232.04	241.70	+ 0.49	1.22
Oseas Smllr Cos	149.51	155.73†	+ 0.17	0.96
-do- Accum	158.17	164.75†	+ 0.18	0.96
Pacific	283.48	295.29	+ 0.73	1.26
-do- Accum	314.27	327.36	+ 0.81	1.26
Recovery	£24.13	£25.13†	+ 7.71	2.94
-do- Accum	£26.55	£27.66†	+ 8.48	2.94
UK Index	185.37	193.09†	- 0.50	3.38
-do- Accum	238.88	248.83†	- 0.65	3.38
UK Small Cos	144.06	150.06†	- 0.13	2.38
-do- Accum	159.93	166.59†	- 0.14	2.38
US Smllr Cos	65.79	68.53	+ 0.19	0.47
-do- Accum	67.38	70.18	+ 0.19	0.47
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UT MGRS LTD				
0141 204 2200				
Equity Income	59.18	62.58	- 0.13	3.01
Equity Trust	77.34	81.78	- 0.17	2.78
Equity Strategy	91.53	96.79	- 0.32	1.32
European Opps	106.00	112.09	- 0.21	0.47
UK Smaller Cos	83.38	88.17	+ 0.10	0.89
Mastrom Inc	96.06	101.13	+ 0.01	6.37
Japanese	78.71	81.12	- 0.22	
Asia Pacific	125.70	132.93	+ 0.42	0.57
American	133.66	141.35	+ 0.74	0.29
SCOTTISH EQUITABLE FD MGRS LTD				
0800 454 422				
Cash	33.21	33.21		5.85
UK General Inc	63.00	67.19	+ 0.37	3.35
-do- Accum	85.51	91.20	+ 0.50	3.35
Intl Income	294.54	313.52	+ 0.27	1.61
-do- Accum	516.88	549.97	+ 0.47	1.61
European	101.37	107.39	+ 0.59	2.00
Japan	66.55	70.49	+ 0.15	0.01
American	94.84	100.25	+ 0.51	1.41
Far East	90.58	95.63	+ 0.35	1.45
Ethical Inc	41.07	43.92	+ 0.19	1.77
UK Blue Chip Inc	40.47	43.22†	+ 0.17	3.16
High Inc Inc	42.42	45.25	+ 0.12	3.84
UK Global Inc	48.11	51.30†	+ 0.08	1.95
Wwide Tact	81.46	86.83	+ 0.41	1.14
Europe 2000 Tact	70.12	74.51	+ 0.32	1.81
Technology	151.30	161.82	+ 0.45	0.79
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
0131 225 2211				
UK Equity	484.00	516.00	.	2.70
American	347.10	368.20	..	0.42
Pacific	409.70	438.20	.	0.23
European	694.60	742.90		1.05
Worldwide	103.30	110.50	..	0.50
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INV MGRS LTD				
0141 248 6100				
UK Equity Inc	332.50	353.80	+ 0.40	1.96
-do- Accum	435.60	463.50	+ 0.30	1.96
UK Sir Co Eq Inc	284.30	302.50	- 0.90	1.15
-do- Accum	349.70	372.10	- 1.20	1.15
Select Oppnty Inc	85.31	91.25†	+ 0.01	1.60
Income Plus Inc	81.73	86.95†	+ 0.13	3.15
European Inc	439.40	467.20	+ 1.20	0.98
-do- Accum	501.30	533.00	+ 1.50	0.98
Far Eastern Inc	184.10	195.90	+ 1.00	0.85
-do- Accum	212.30	225.80	+ 1.20	0.85
Japanese Inc	60.14	63.98	+ 0.02	.
Nth American Inc	318.60	338.80	+ 1.80	0.21
-do- Accum	352.20	374.50	+ 2.00	0.21

	Sell	Buy	+/-	Yld %
Intl Growth Inc	333.50	345.36	- 0.40	0.32
Wwide Venture Inc	94.62	100.70	- 0.60	0.41
SCOTTISH WIDOWS' FUND MGMT				
0131 568 3724				
[illegible]	454.00	484.20	- 1.60	2.32
Equity Inc	668.50	714.30	2.40	2.32
-do- Accum	275.20	279.50	- 0.70	2.69
UK High Inc	326.03	349.90	- 1.00	2.69
-do- Accum	449.00	511.90	- 0.30	0.62
Europe Inc	711.00	742.40	+ 1.50	
Nth Amer Inc	252.60	259.70	- 0.60	0.25
Global Inc	284.30	303.20	- 5.40	2.26
Global Acc	131.00	139.70	- 0.50	1.02
UK Spec Sits Inc	236.70	252.50	- 0.50	0.36
South East Asia	101.10	101.70		5.02
Cash Trust Inc	127.60	135.50	- 0.20	1.53
UK Smlr Cos Inc	132.60	142.50	- 0.40	1.59
-do- Accum	34.66	120.50	+ 0.10	5.33
Intl Bond Inc				
SHARP (ALBERT E)				
Enquiries: 01277 227 300 Dealing: 01277 261 010				
European	160.70	169.30	- 0.40	0.93
Nth American	139.63	146.99	- 3.90	
Intl Bond & Curr	119.03	125.57		6.55
Pooled Pension (£)	238.00	253.80†		7.82
Smaller Cos	118.50	124.50		0.80
UK General #	165.70	174.40	- 0.10	2.09
Far Eastern	97.79	102.90	- 0.10	
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
0171 626 6226				
UK Equity Inc ‡	113.27		+ 0.07	4.72
Sterling Reserve ‡	100.35		- 0.02	4.75
Preferred Income ‡	109.02		+ 0.17	4.90
Tax Pan ‡	104.26		- 0.24	.
Aztec ‡	69.63		- 0.07	
Amer Gth Fund ‡	128.21		+ 1.09	
European ‡	165.71		- 0.42	
Global Bond ‡	91.75		- 0.03	8.72
Saracen ‡	57.25		- 0.06	
UK Growth ‡	112.60		0.11	2.79
UK Emerg Leaders ‡	115.10		- 0.68	2.32
Investment Trust ‡	115.96		- 0.06	0.97
Roll Up ‡				
Glob Gwth PEP	78.06	83.06	- 0.32	1.18
Inv Trust PEP	57.07	60.71	- 1.22	2.54
Pref Inc PEP #	103.60	110.20	+ 0.10	6.09
SMITH & WILLIAMSON UT MGRS				
0171 637 5377				
American	465.30	492.40	- 1.50	0.04
Capital	186.40	196.60	- 0.50	1.03
Cash	102.09	102.09	- 0.01	5.25
European	162.90	172.30	- 0.20	0.73
Far Eastern	161.30	170.60†	+ 1.30	.
Growth	164.60	174.20	+ 1.30	0.74
Income #	133.60	141.30†	+ 1.20	4.96
Magnum	155.90	166.80	- 0.50	1.06
Smlr Secs	546.60	578.40	+ 12.40	0.57
Thoroughbred	182.10	195.00	- 0.70	0.95
SOVEREIGN UNIT TST MGRS LTD				
01202 298 422				
Cntrld Prtnrce	57.07	61.05†	+ 0.10	7.00
Ethical	84.50	90.37†	- 0.02	0.89
European Growth	92.72	87.37	+ 0.33	1.20
Income	62.61	66.96	+ 0.24	3.73
Intl Growth	113.30	126.10		1.25
Managed	94.73	100.40	+ 0.20	1.99
UK Growth	78.73	84.26†	- 0.22	1.72
STANDARD LIFE UNIT TRUSTS				
0800 33 33 53				
Standard Life Fund Mngmt Ltd				
Global Advtg Inc	46.55	46.79†	- 0.10	1.41
Global Advtg Acc	50.74	51.00	- 0.10	1.41
Income Advtg Inc	35.43	35.67†	- 0.10	3.01
Income Advtg Acc	41.58	41.79	- 0.10	3.01

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Source: FT Information

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return). † Ex dividend, ‡ Middle price. ... No significant data. # Periodic Charge deducted from capital. @ Exit Charge

12th September, 1996

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Eager buyers send shares higher

TRADING PERIOD: Settlement takes place five business days after the day of trade. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
556	419	Allied Domecq	464½	+ 4½	6.3	17.6
625	500	Bulmer (HP)‡	567½	+ 15	2.9	19.0
131	96	Burn Stewart	98½		6.3	21.5
775	615	Glenmorangie A	775		1.9	19.9
491½	411	Grand Met	479½	+ 1½	4.0	20.4
493	435	Guinness	466	− 3½	4.0	15.2
378	315	Highland Dist	347½		2.9	16.2
195	150	Macallan-Glen	152		1.2	32.2
803	342½	Matthew Clark	343½	− 12	8.7	16.4
141	93	Minmet WI	119	+ ½	4.7	10.9
2612½	1606½	SA Breweries	1650		2.2	

BANKS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
3716½	2743½	ABN-AMRO‡	3484½		3.9	12.1
663	528	Abbey Natl	603	+ 1	4.8	11.2
385	315	Allied Irish	377½	+ 3	4.8	10.8
343	285	Aus New Z	329½	− 2	5.6	8.1
5443½	3843½	Bank America‡	5387½			
316	227½	Bank Scotland	296		3.3	10.8
953	683	Barclays‡	942	6½	3.7	10.3
498	413	Bk of Ireland‡	486		3.9	11.1
482	379	Cater Allen	416½	− 1	9.0	12.4
5668½	4031½	Citicorp	5662½			
392	318	Close Bros	345		3.3	15.3
£157⅝	£131½	Commerzbk	£145⅞	− 6¼	3.5	
1350	1068½	Dai Ichi Kan Y	1078½	+ 3½	0.5	
3412½	2950	Deutsche Bk	3050	− 6¼	2.5	
806½	593½	Espirito Santo	803½		4.4	10.8
1507	1177½	Fuji Bank Y	1194	− 2	0.4	
472	333	Gerrard Nat	334		8.6	10.6
267½	196	Hambros	256	− ½	3.7	
1174	931	HSBC‡	1164	− 8	4.1	11.0
1142	930	HSBC Hk‡	1135	− 7½	4.2	10.7
435½	386	Irish Perm‡	435		3.3	11.9
177	143	King Shaxson	167½	+ ½	6.7	14.6
458	405	Leopold Jr	459		5.4	16.5
384	294½	Lloyds TSB‡	384	+ 2	3.9	16.3
653	566	Nat Aust Br	631½	− 4	7.0	8.0
711	605½	Nat West‡	671	+ 10½	4.9	9.6
66	49½	Rea Brothers‡	53½		2.3	21.0
596	468	Ryl Bk Scot	488	+ 1	4.4	10.8
1462½	1185	Schroders	1385	+ 2½	1.6	15.7
1137½	890	Schroders N/V	1070		2.1	12.1
134	99½	Singer & Fried	130	+ ½	4.1	9.4
729	547	Stand Chart‡	696	− 6½	2.2	13.6
114½	85½	Unoml	113½	− 2½	3.3	12.2
£174⅛	£131⅜	Wells Fargo	£164⅛		2.0	
329½	264	Westpac	327½		4.4	9.9
360	368	Woolwich‡	350		4.5	17.5

BREWERIES, PUBS & REST

BUILDING & CONSTRUCT

BUILDING MATERIALS

CHEMICALS

DISTRIBUTORS

DIVERSIFIED INDUSTRIALS

ELECTRICITY

ELECTRONIC & ELECT

ENGINEERING

ENGINEERING, VEHICLES

FOOD MANUFACTURERS

HEALTHCARE

HOUSEHOLD GOODS

INSURANCE

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

LEISURE & HOTELS

MEDIA

OTHER FINANCIAL

MINING

OIL & GAS

PHARMACEUTICALS

1996 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Yld %	P/E
350	163½	Bio Biotech	200½	+ 1½		
715	340	Cantab Pharms	642½	− 2½		
690	473½	Celltech	517½			
589	274	Chiroscience	386	+ 10½		
447	166	Cortecs	251½	− 19		
969	767	Glaxo Wellcome‡	942	+ 1	4.0	13.4
475	305½	ML Laboratories	336			
286	208	Medeva‡	247½		2.1	14.0
246	198	Peptide Thera	204½			
808	524	Scotia	666	− 2½		
265	183	Shire Pharms	215½			
95	69	SkyePharma	82			
768½	628½	SmithKline	764	+ 6	2.3	27.4
531	445	Therp Anti Inc	530			
633	457½	Vanguard	480	+ 5		
1587½	1216	Zeneca	1546½	+ 22	2.6	33.4

PRINTING & PAPER

PROPERTY

RETAILERS, FOOD

RETAILERS, GENERAL

SUPPORT SERVICES

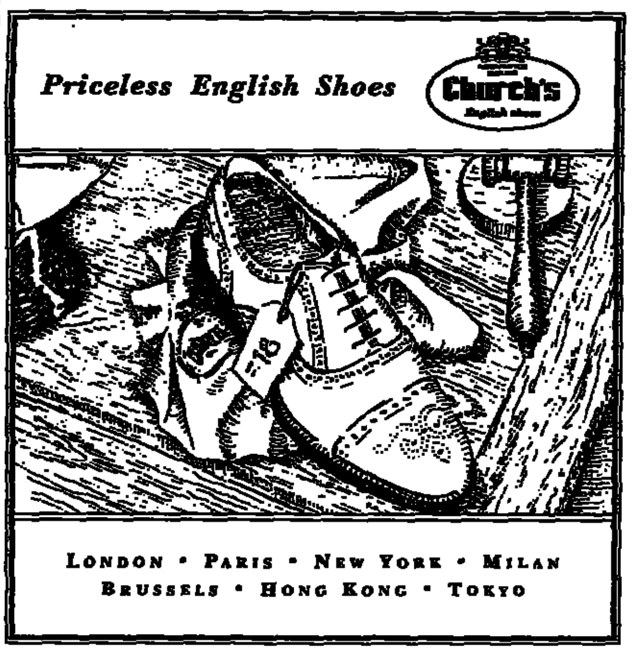
TELECOMMUNICATIONS

TEXTILES & APPAREL

TRANSPORT

WATER

ALTERNATIVE INV MARKET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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
220	215	Treas 2% 1996	220†		0.91	5.64
103	100	Conv 10% 1996	100		9.93	5.73
101	100	Treas 7% 1997	101		6.93	5.79
107	102	Treas 13¼% 1997	102		12.91	5.79
107	102	Exch 10½% 1997	102		10.29	5.72
103	102	Treas 8¾% 1997	102†	+	8.52	5.86
114	102	Exch 15% 1997	109		13.67	5.93
106	104	Exch 9¾% 1998	104		9.32	6.04
102	100	Treas 7¼% 1998	101		7.14	6.17
101	99	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	100		6.75	5.93
116	112	Treas 14% 1998-01	[illegible]	−	12.49	6.28
122	117	Treas 15½% 1998	117	−	13.23	6.37
114	110	Exch 12% 1998	111		10.81	6.47
109	105	Treas 9½% 1999	106		8.94	6.52
116	112	Exch 12¼% 1999	112	+	10.85	6.61
112	108	Treas 10½% 1999	109		9.51	6.65
98	96	Treas 6% 1999	98		6.11	6.63
112	108	Conv 10¼% 1999	109		9.35	6.82
108	104	Conv 9% 2000	106†	+	8.47	6.92
105	101	Treas 8% 2000	103	+	7.74	7.03
124	119	Treas 13% 2000	119	+	10.86	7.02
114	109	Treas 10% 2001	110	+	9.04	7.16

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
101	96	Treas 7% 2001	98	+	7.87	7.21
114	108	Treas 9¾% 2002	111	+	8.78	7.40
105	99	Treas 8% 2003	102	+	7.79	7.45
117	39	Treas 10% 2003	113†	+	8.84	7.52
119	114	Treas 11½% 2001-04	116†	+	9.91	7.27
83	78	Fund 3½% 1999-04	81	+	4.30	6.53
114	107	Conv 9½% 2004	110	+	8.80	7.69
96	91	Treas 6¾% 2004	94	+	7.18	7.57
131	123	Treas 12½% 2003-05	136	+	9.86	7.57
101	94	Treas 7½% 2006	97	+	7.70	7.84
103	96	Treas 7¾% 2006	98†	+	7.83	7.88
104	97	Treas 8% 2002-06	100	..	7.95	7.88
125	118	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	120	+	9.74	7.57
108	101	Treas 8½% 2007	104	+	8.17	7.82
138	130	Treas 13½% 2004-08	133	+	10.12	7.58
112	105	Treas 9% 2008	107	+	8.35	7.96
104	98	Treas 8% 2009	99	+	8.03	8.02

LONGS (over 15 years)

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
88	81	Treas 6¼% 2010	84	+	7.41	8.11
112	104	Conv 9% 2011	107	+	8.37	8.10
113	104	Treas 9% 2012	107	+	8.37	8.12
82	75	Treas 5½% 2008-12	78†	+	7.03	7.90
103	95	Treas 8% 2013	98	+	8.13	8.16
101	93	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	96	+	8.07	8.16
103	95	Treas 8% 2015	98	+	8.13	8.15
111	102	Treas 8¾% 2017	105	+	8.32	8.21
141	130	Exch 12% 2013-17	134	+	8.94	8.22
99	95	Tr 8% 2021	98	+	8.16	8.17

UNDATED

1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
45	41	War Ln 3½%	42	+	8.23	
32	29	Treas 2½%	30		8.13	
50	45	Consols 4%	48	+	8.33	

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1996 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	10%	5%
113	111	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	113	+	0.32	2.14
182	176	Treas IL 2½% 2001	182	+	2.76	3.38
177	171	Treas IL 2½% 2003	177	+	3.02	3.48
116	112	Treas IL 4⅜% 2004	116	+	3.08	3.49
186	179	Treas IL 2% 2006	186	+	3.26	3.58
167	161	Treas IL 2½% 2009	166	+	3.40	3.66
173	166	Treas IL 2½% 2011	171	+	3.47	3.70
143	136	Treas IL 2½% 2013	141	+	3.51	3.72
152	145	Treas IL 2½% 2016	150	+	3.56	3.75

Source: FT Information

ALPHABETICAL GUIDE TO DEGREE VACANCIES: ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

TODAY'S listing of degree vacancies in engineering and technology is the last to appear this year.

The entries on this page demonstrate that there are still plenty of openings for students in clearing. Even traditional universities whose places in other subjects were filled long ago, have room for suitably-qualified applicants.

Few courses have been removed from the service since the engineering listing was first published almost four weeks ago. Many programmes, especially in the new universities and colleges of higher education, will remain open until the start of term.

An asterisk shows courses are part of modular schemes, available in a variety of combinations. All the others are identified by the codes used in the Ucas handbook.

AERONAUTICAL/ AIR TRANSPORT ENGINEERING

City, H400, H401, H403, H405, H402, H420, H422, H423, H424
Coventry, HH46
Lincs & Humberside, H400, HH46
Queen Mary & Westfield Col, H400
Salford, H401, H400, H420, H421
Stockport Col, H400

AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

Coventry, H400
Cranfield RMCS, H420
Farnborough Col, H400
Hertfordshire, H420, H430
Kingston, H423, H408
Liverpool, H420, H425
Manchester, H400, HJ42
Queen Mary & Westfield Col, H420, J5H4, HH45
UMIST, H402, H400, H4R1
West of England, H421, H420

ARCHITECTURE/ ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING

Glasgow Caledonian, K236
Greenwich, K100
Huddersfield, K100, 001K, GK51, K236
Liverpool John Moores, K100
Napier, K236
Southampton Inst, K236
Ulster, K235
Westminster, K236

AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

Bolton, H348, H340, H341, H343, HH7J, HH73, HH7H
Coventry, H340
Hertfordshire, H340
Huddersfield, H340
Kingston, H340
Oxford Brookes, H340
Sunderland, H340, H341, H348
Central England, H340, H348

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

Middlesex, G800E
Sussex, G800
Westminster, G800

BIOCHEMICAL/ BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Ulster, BH91

BUILDING/ CONSTRUCTION

Abertay Dundee, K250, K260
Anglia, K281, K240, K250, KNF8, KN21, KM23
Bolton, K250
Brighton, K250
Buckinghamshire, 002K
Central Lancashire, K201, K260, K280, K240
Coventry, K200, KH22, K260
De Montfort, K214
Derby, K252
Glamorgan, K201, K250
Glasgow Caledonian, K250
Greenwich, K252
Hertfordshire, H200, H201
Leeds Met, K250, KN29, K200
Liverpool John Moores, K410
Luton, K210, K250
Nene, K200
Nescot, KW22, KW2F
Northumbria, K410
Nottingham Trent, K200, K258
Oxford Brookes, K200
Paisley, K250
Plymouth, K201, K255
Portsmouth, K280
Reading, K254, K285
Robert Gordon, K250
Sheffield Hallam, K260, K250
South Bank, K252, K258
Southampton Inst, K252
Staffordshire, K200, K2N1, K2R1, K2F8, K2R2, K2R4, K300, K260, K280, N810
Swansea Inst, K250
Teeside, K200
UCL, K250
UMIST, K258
West of England, K200, K252, K251, H7K2
Westminster, K240, K250, K258, K248
Wolverhampton, Y401, H1K2, K250

BUILDING SERVICES ENGINEERING

Anglia, K241, K470, N802
Brighton, H10S
Central England, K243, K251
Central Lancashire, K240
Coventry, K2T2, K240, K2TF
Glasgow Caledonian, K240, K200
Hertfordshire, K240
Leeds Met, K240
Napier, K440, K250
Nescot, K240, K248
Northumbria, H250, H258
Reading, K220, K260
Robert Gordon, K260
South Bank, K240, K202, K208, K260, K268
Ulster, K250, K210
UMIST, H240, K240
Westminster, K478
Wolverhampton, K250

BUSINESS INFORMATION SYSTEMS/ TECHNOLOGY

Anglia, G520, G521, G522, GKN2, GK52, GH57, G701,
Bournemouth, G520, H110, H118P
Canterbury Christ Church Col, G520
Central England, G523, G528, G5R1, G5R2, G5RC, G5RF
Central Lancashire, GN51, N1G5, Y400
East Anglia, GN54
East London, G520, G700, JN9D
Glasgow Caledonian, NH17
Greenwich, G561, G9N1
Hertfordshire, G710
Huddersfield, 265G
Kingston, G562
Manchester Met, G562
North London, G5N1
Northumbria, G563, H1NC
Portsmouth, G521, G562
Robert Gordon, NG15
Roehampton Inst, GN59, CG15, NG15, GX59, GQ53, GF59, GR51, GL58, BG95, GV51, GC5C, GW53, GL54, GL53, GR54, GV58, GM59, DG27
Salford, G520, G4N1, G4NC
Sheffield Hallam, NJ19, G521, G932
Southampton Inst, G562, J9N1
Staffordshire, G562, G711
Sunderland, G523, G5R1, G5R2, G5R4
Swansea Inst, G710
Thames Valley, G560
West of England, G582, G710
Westminster, G710
Wolverhampton, GN51

CHEMICAL ENGINEERING

Aston, FH18, H803, H804, H8T2
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Oxford Brookes, H800
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CIVIL ENGINEERING

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Abertay Dundee, H200
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Bolton, H208, H201, H200
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Brighton, H200
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Coventry, H200, H2TF, H220, H2T2
Cranfield RMCS, H200
Dundee, H200, HK22, HN21
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Glamorgan, H200, H201, H220, H202
Glasgow, H200, H2F6
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Kingston, H202, H261, H208, H203, H204, H200, H201
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Loughborough, H200
Manchester, H200
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Oxford Brookes, H200, H208, H201
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Plymouth, H200, H255
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Queen Mary & Westfield Col, H200, H202, H201, H2N1, H2R1
Salford, H200, H2T2, H208, H204
Sheffield Hallam, H250, H200
South Bank, H200, H208, H201
Stockport Col, H200
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Sunderland, H201, H208
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Ulster, H200, H202
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Westminster, H201, H200, H208
Wolverhampton, H2NC, H2N1, H260, Y401

CLINICAL ENGINEERING

Liverpool, BF92

CLOTHING ENGINEERING/ MANAGEMENT

Manchester Met, J470
UMIST, J4T9, J4N9

COMBINED STUDIES (ENGINEERING/ TECHNOLOGY)

Central Lancashire, Y400
Hertfordshire, Y100, Y108, Y109

COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING/ SYSTEMS

Anglia, G670, G610, HK62, GG56, HN61, HM63
Bournemouth, H620, H621
Bradford, H6PL
Coventry, H621
De Montfort, H620
Hertfordshire, H620
Kent, H620
King's Col London, H621
Leeds Met, H600
Lincs & Humberside, H620
Luton, G610
Manchester Met, H620, H621
Nene, G560
North London, H621, Y100, H620, 026H, NHC6
Northumbria, HN61
Plymouth, H620
Portsmouth, H620, G602
Queen Mary & Westfield Col, H621
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COMPOSITES ENGINEERING

Plymouth, J520

COMPUTER-AIDED DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Bournemouth, H770, W230, W230Y
Buckinghamshire, H161
Central England, H160, H168
Central Lancashire, H160
East London, H160
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Central Lancashire, H160
Glasgow Caledonian, H161
Hertfordshire, H160
Huddersfield, H161
Hull, H160
Liverpool John Moores, H160
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Newcastle, G600
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COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY/ ENGINEERING

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Paisley, GH66
Plymouth, G600, GP52
Queen Mary & Westfield Col, H610
Salford, G510, H610, H611, H6N1, H6N2
South Bank, GJ59
Staffordshire, G502
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Sussex, H610
Staffordshire, GP54
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CONTROL ENGINEERING

East London, GH66
Lincs & Humberside, H643
Sheffield, G600, H642
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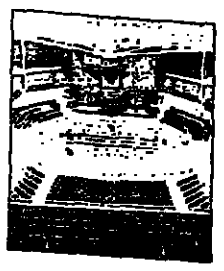

■ MUSIC 1

A muted cheer as the Hallé Orchestra opens Manchester's new concert hall, the Bridgewater

■ MUSIC 2

The Proms hears an exhilarating performance of Messiaen's vast *Turangalila Symphony*

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■ MUSIC 3

... and, in complete contrast, an airy and supple concert of little-heard Bach choral music

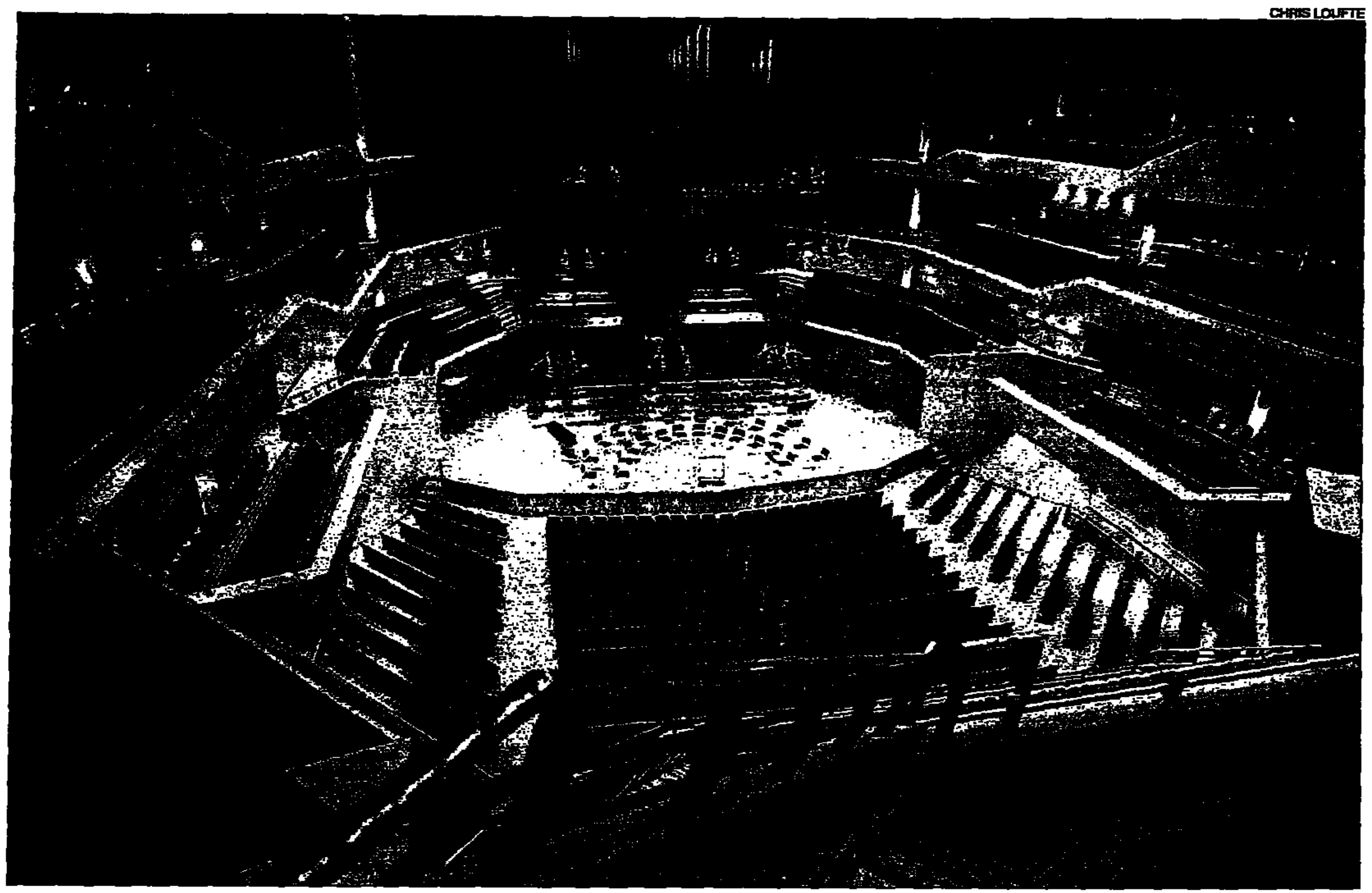
■ THEATRE

Adrian Noble's *Midsummer Night's Dream* production seems off-colour on its return

MUSIC: **Gerald Larner** is distinctly underwhelmed by the Hallé's new home, the Bridgewater Hall

Distant voices, stilted vibes

CHRIS LOUFTE



The auditorium of the purpose-built Bridgewater Hall may accommodate large audiences but its acoustic still leaves a great deal to be desired

Let's just start again, shall we? Or better still, let's not have a formal start at all. Let's wander into the Bridgewater Hall one day, take a good seat for a well-designed programme and afterwards find the space to reflect on the accumulated impressions, without having them immediately jostled by a brass band in the foyer. We should then be able to admire the qualities of the hall, the taste of those who run it and the discrimination of those who promote concerts there.

In the meantime, for what it is worth after an opening-concert experience based on none of those conditions, I can tell you that whereas the Marple Band in the ground-floor foyer was very loud, the Hallé Orchestra in the auditorium itself sounded disappointingly remote — at least from where I was sitting.

In spite of the heroic vocal efforts of Thomas Allen and the Hallé Choir, *Belshazzar's Feast* made far less than its authentic impact. Clearly there is nothing magical about the Bridgewater Hall: the vineyard terracing, designed to increase capacity while enhancing intimacy, does not have the desired effect.

Early reports of the Arup acoustic indicated that it was lively but bass-heavy. Efforts made since then to reduce the bass seem to have tamed the whole spectrum. I am assured, on the other hand, that the instrumentalists on the platform can hear each other, which is an important feature, since it will surely give them the confidence to seek out the positive qualities of the acoustic and play them for all they are worth. This is certainly what the Hallé did in the Free Trade Hall.

So my immediate "take me back to the Free Trade Hall" reaction on hearing that orchestra play the *Enigma Variations* in the first half of the opening concert in the Bridgewater Hall must be dismissed as premature. Besides, Kent Nagano seemed to be presenting the score more for its subtleties than for its more obviously sensational effects. And it is true, all those subtleties were clearly audible even two tiers up on the left. Also clearly noticeable, at the end of the louder variations, was a very healthy reverberation time. The problem was in reconciling the irrefutable evidence that this is not a dry acoustic with the unexciting effect of orchestral music performed within it. But not even Birmingham's Symphony Hall, whose supremacy so far remains unchallenged, sounded at its best at this stage.

An unfortunate victim of the opening arrangements in Manchester was the new work specially commissioned for the occasion from George Benjamin. What the audience wanted to hear, after Elgar's dread version of the national anthem, was something to make a big splash — a *Pomp and Circumstance* march, perhaps, or the Walton *Crown Imperial* offered as an encore.

Following something of that kind, Benjamin's beautifully scored *Sometimes Voices* (for baritone soloist, chorus and orchestra), which eschews fanfares for the poetry of Caliban's "sounds and sweet airs that give delight and hurt not", would have made its sensitive point. In the event, eloquent though William Dazeley was in the solo role, the first-night audience were left wondering what hadn't hit them.

Magic kept to minimum

THEATRE

A Midsummer Night's Dream
Barbican

TITANIA'S dream-bower is a huge fuchsia-pink umbrella stuffed with cushions, suspended aloft. Puck hangs off a jade-green umbrella, elastically riding the air currents like a dandelion seed. The rest of the elfin retinue tiptoe around in rainbow-hued silken liveries with matching hair.

Adrian Noble's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* is back again and soon on tour. Unfortunately the new cast are not choice players. This revival seems off-colour, for all Anthony Ward's bold and bright, not to say brazen, design.

The forest can be magical, an empty space hung with lightbulbs that wink like glow-worms, yet fairyland seems cheap at points. Ward's minimalist vision avoids fussy, flowery outfits but it is hard to believe in a bouffant-blonde woodland queen got up in a pink sheath dress while speaking lyrically of hoary-headed frosts, sweet summer buds and meteorological chaos. Amanda Harris does her best with natural fulsomeness and regal airs, but this Titania is more *Cosmopolitan* than cosmic.

The forest seems tame. Ian Hughes's fey Puck lacks animal muscularity. Leigh Lawson's Oberon combines a rich voice with a whine but his jealousy never grows threatening. The young lovers tend to play their confused passions for laughs. That said, Katy Brittain's Hermia shines out, tearfully shaken when jilted and roaring mad about being dwarfish.

Noble brings out the circus slapstick in these scenes. Hermia and Rebecca Egan's tall, huffy Helena are a comic double act. Lysander and Demetrius (John Lloyd-Fillingham and Matthew MacFadyen) are liberatedly silly, slamming doors in each other's faces, knocked flat by the young ladies.

The mechanicals ham up their silliness before being allotted their amdram parts. Christopher Benjamin, if not the most adorable Bottom, is an amusing ass with huge buck teeth and sprouting ears and whiskers from his vintage crash helmet. *Pyramus and Thisbe* turns up some surprise stars: Snout (Mike Burnside) as the "sweet and lovely wall" is amusingly taken aback by such ardent praise. Sean McKenzie plays the normally apologetic Lion with a serious snarl. If only, back in the wood, everyone had let rip with as much abandon as Snug.

KATE BASSETT

DONALD COOPER

Unfussy: Christopher Benjamin and Amanda Harris

BBC PROMS: A 20th-century treat by a French composer, and a welcome performance of Bach from Belgium

A foretaste of Henri

BBC PO/Tortelier
Albert Hall

HENRI Dutilleux does not even rate a mention in two of the best-known histories of Western music, yet he is undoubtedly one of the major French composers of the century. Now in his eightieth year, Dutilleux has at last begun to make the breakthrough, and among the leading proponents of his music are Yan Pascal Tortelier and the BBC Philharmonic.

Not only have they recorded his music, but they are presenting a number of his works in a Berlioz/Dutilleux festival in Manchester next month. Wednesday night's Prom offered a taster of that celebration with a performance of the violin concerto *L'arbre des songes* by Olivier Charlier. The work may have been inspired by a poem of Baudelaire's, but the subtitle ("The Tree of Dreams") offers a clue, according to the composer, in that "the constant multiplication and renewal of its branches is the lyrical essence of the tree".

That fertility of invention is evident throughout the work. The solo part of the fleet, mercurial second movement, brilliantly dispatched by Charlier, at times proclaims its allegiance to Stravinsky's *Soldier's Tale*. But that is only part of a rich tapestry, for Dutilleux has remained open to new developments.

Nothing about Dutilleux is predictable or easily categorisable. What, for example, is one to make of the orchestral tuning-up integrated into the third interlude? The intention is clearly humorous but the gesture lacks the biting ironic edge of a Schnittke.

A similar ambivalence informs Messiaen's *Turangalila Symphony*, the massive ten-movement structure of which seems to embrace a cosmos of ecstasy, both creative and destructive. Some performances make it seem more prolix, even tedious, than others. Tortelier's was so exhilaratingly agile, so wild, in movements such as *Joy of the Blood of the Stars* that one was swept up into its fervour.

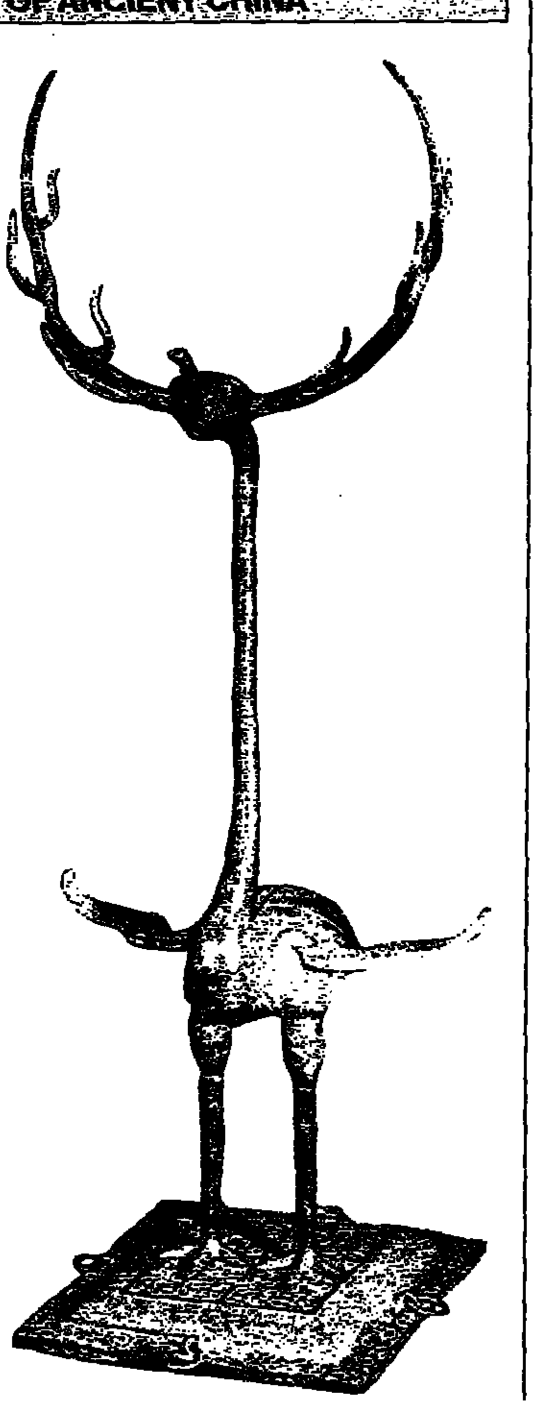
Jean-Yves Thibaudet was the irrepressible pianist.

BARRY MILLINGTON

MYSTERIES OF ANCIENT CHINA

The British Museum's magnificent* Mysteries of Ancient China *show opens today. Richard Cork continues a daily series highlighting the exhibition's glories

IMAGINARY BIRD



Placed next to the coffin of the Marquis Yi of Zeng, in a tomb dating from the 5th century BC, this exceptional bird seems about to take flight.

Its straight legs appear to be bracing themselves for action, and the two small wings stretch outwards as if preparing for lift-off. The astonishingly thin, attenuated neck suggests that the bird is a crane, but the antler-like forms curving above its head introduce a surreal dimension.

This is, above all, a legendary bird, and an inscription on the beak discloses that it was "made for the eternal use of the marquis".

Unusually large and expensively crafted, the bird was doubtless intended to protect the tomb from evil spirits. But it may also have been meant to transport the spirit of the marquis on his journeys through the universe. Hence the bird's expectant air, resting on a stand cast with refined patterns of clouds and serpents but eager to leave them behind.

All the same, the notion that the marquis would fly off to the heavens on its back must remain speculative. Aerial paradises were thought, at that period, to be the domain of gods and spirits alone. So the marquis would be fortunate indeed if the bird had carried him away to the stars.

● Mysteries of Ancient China, *sponsored by* The Times, *continues at the British Museum to Jan 5. Admission £5; bookings on 0171-420 0000*

TOMORROW

A soldier from the astonishing terracotta army

Joys heard but not seen

Collegium Vocale
Albert Hall

WITH Britain on the fringe of the European concert circuit — at least in the field of early music — it is probable that London audiences will have heard many established continental groups only on CD. There was a time, some years ago, when such groups might have stayed away because our wealth of home-grown historically-aware ensembles made visiting Britain seem like taking coals to Newcastle. But nowadays the costs involved are the determining factor.

All the more important, then, that larger-scale festivals and concert series such as the Proms make the effort to bring over much-recorded but rarely heard groups such as Philippe Herreweghe's Collegium Vocale of Ghent, who starred in Tuesday's late evening Prom.

Herreweghe and the Collegium Vocale recorded their all-Bach programme several years ago and were clearly on familiar ground, although not all the pieces were well-known to the audience.

Bach's Mass in G minor is essentially a compilation of previously composed cantata movements, slightly reworked to accommodate the Latin text of the *Kyrie* and *Gloria*. Thanks to undue emphasis, stemming from the aesthetic values of the later 19th century, on the "work" as an original masterpiece of inspiration, Bach scholars and performers have generally dismissed the piece as no more than an example of the hard-pressed composer having to borrow from his own musical store-cupboard. The quality of great for having been taken down from the shelf, as was proved by the bubbly and highly original opening chorus of the *Gloria* (which Herreweghe repeated as a very enthusiastically received encore).

The Collegium Vocale, with its airy, supple approach, was at its best here. Elsewhere, notably in the motet *Der Geist hilft unser Schwachheit auf*, and despite orchestral doubling of the vocal lines, a little more weight would have been welcome. Attention to the rhetoric of the text was, however, excellent throughout, especially in the strikingly beautiful cantata with which it opened the programme: *Herr, Gehe Nicht ins Gericht* (BWV 105).

Of the quartet of soloists, the counter-tenor Andreas Scholl was outstanding, making his second memorable contribution to this year's Proms. In addition to an exceptionally clear and honeyed sound, Scholl has a remarkable sense of vocal line, his phrasing immaculate but not so short-breathed as to become mannered, as was the case to some extent with the American tenor James Taylor.

Peter Kooy is in many ways an ideal Bach bass (not many of those around), and the young soprano Vasiljka Jezovsek has a very promising future in this kind of repertoire — like Scholl, a sweet-toned but well focused and lithe voice. All in all, a very enjoyable evening of Bach that was clearly much appreciated by the Prommers: more next year, please.

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■ DANCE

Rare birds: a very different sort of *Swan Lake* makes its debut in the West End

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In the Café Royal, Annie Ross proves her acting as well as her singing skills

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Gillian Maxey

LONDON

BBC PROMS 96: On the penultimate night of the Proms (tonight, 6.45pm), Jane Glover conducts the **BBC Singers** in Bruckner's glorious choral music; with John Scott on the organ. Beethoven's magnificent *Choral Symphony* follows after the interval. Sir Georg Solti conducts the BBC Singers, London Voices and the **Chicago Symphony Orchestra** with Deborah Voigt, soprano, Anne Sofie von Otter, mezzo-soprano, Johan Botha, tenor, and Rene Pape, bass. And so to the pomp and circumstance of the **Last Night of the Proms** on Saturday (7.30pm). Haydn's magnificent setting of the *Te Deum* launches an evening of evergreen favourites. Joining the BBC Singers, BBC Symphony Chorus and the BBC Symphony Orchestra are Felicity Lott, soprano, Ann Murray, mezzo-soprano, Joanna MacGregor, piano, and John Wallace, trumpet. The conductor is Andrew Davis.
Albert Hall, Kensington Gore, SW7 (0171-589 8212). Tonight and tomorrow

PROMS IN THE PARK: The second half of the Last Night of the Proms will be broadcast (from 9.15pm), live from the Albert Hall, to two giant screens in Hyde Park, near Marble Arch. On stage, from 7.30pm, will be James Galway, Maria Ewing, Katia and Marielle Labeque and the BBC Concert Orchestra.
Tickets (0171-413 3571, or from the Albert Hall). Tomorrow, from 4pm

LA BOHEME. John Copley's production of Puccini's classic tear-jerker launches the Royal Opera House's Golden Jubilee season. Amanda Roocroft and Luis Lima lead this evening's performance, with the Romanian conductor Christian Badea making his house debut. Sung in Italian.
Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, WC2 (0171-304 4000). Tonight, 7.30pm.

COLORES DE COLOMBIA. Colombia's rich artistic and cultural heritage is celebrated on Saturday and Sunday. Free foyer entertainment, from 12.30-7.30pm, will include Colombian music, dance troupes, films, children's activities and workshops. This vibrant weekend culminates with a concert on Sunday (Barbican Hall, 7.30pm) by singer and dancer Totó La Momposina, whose dynamic repertoire is complemented by the earthy *musica campesina* style of Colina Gonzalez.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Tomorrow and Sunday. ▣

ELSEWHERE

LIVERPOOL: The first survey in Britain of the work of **Rachel Whiteread** begins today. The exhibition includes sculptures cast in plaster, rubber and resin, including prints and photographs of her large-scale work, House.
Tate Gallery Liverpool, Albert Dock (0151-709 3223). Tue-Sun, 10am-6pm. Until January 5, 1997

MANCHESTER: First regional production of Kevin Elyot's outstandingly good and serious comedy about gay life and lovers, **My Night With Reg**.
Library, St Peter's Square (0161-236 7110). Opens tonight, 8pm. Then Mon-Thurs, 7.30pm, Fri and Sat, 8pm, mats Wed (Sep 25), 3pm, Sats 4pm

MOLD: Theatr Clwyd presents Greg Cullen's adaptation of **Silas Marner**, George Eliot's examination of the social effects of the Industrial Revolution and her celebration of village life.
Theatr Clwyd (01352 755114). Previews begin tonight, 7.45pm. Opens Sept 17, 7.45pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Sat, 2.45pm. Until October 5 ▣

NORWICH: **Scottish Ballet**'s autumn tour of short ballets, *Sweat, Baroque and Roll*; featuring *Haydn Pieces*, Mark Baldwin's first production for the company; *Four Seasons*, a new work created by Robert Cohan; and Robert North's tongue-in-cheek display of male strenth and machismo, *Troy Game*.
Theatre Royal, Theatre Street ▣ (01603 630000). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.30pm. Next in **Stirling**, MacRobert Arts Centre (01786 461081), Sept 18-20

LONDON GALLERIES

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■ **FAUST Parts 1 and 2**: Michael Bogdanov's mighty two-part production of Goethe's drama, with Michael Feast in the title role, and Hugh Quarshie.
The Pit, Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (0171-638 8891). Part 1 opens today, 2pm; tomorrow, 2.30pm. Part 2 opens today, 7pm, tomorrow, 7.15pm

☐ **THE FLIGHT INTO EGYPT**: Con O'Neill and Paul Jesson in James Garner's new play, set in wartime Poland. Directed by John Dove.
Hampstead, Swiss Cottage Centre, NW3 (0171-722 9301). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Sat, 3.30pm.

◩ **JOHN GABRIEL BORKMAN**: Paul Scofield, Vanessa Redgrave, Eileen Atkins and Michael Bryant, directed by Richard Eyre. A mighty cast for Ibsen's penultimate play, concerned with guilt, remorse and reconciliation.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (0171-928 2252). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mat Sat, 2.15pm. In rep. ▣

☐ **KISS THE SKY**. Jim Cartwright's flower children enjoy the summer of love. Good tunes, bad trip.
Shepherds Bush Empire, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (0181-740 7474). Last performances tonight, tomorrow, 8pm.

☐ **A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM**: Yukio Ninagawa's company give 12 performances only of his latest Shakespeare production. Spoken in Japanese. Ends tomorrow.
Mermaid, Puddle Dock, Blackfriars, EC4 (0171-236 2211). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm

■ **ROMANCE, ROMANCE**: British premiere of the 1988 Broadway musical, by Keith Herrmann and Barry Harman, presenting two views of romance: Schnitzler's in turn-of-the-century Vienna and a modern contrast. Stephen Dexter directs.
Bridewell, Bride Lane, Fleet Street, EC4 (0171-936 3456). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm; mats Sat, 2.30pm, Sun, 4.30pm.

☐ **SUNSPOTS**. Judy Upton's praised drama about a girl camping out in a seaside amusement arcade. Lisa Goldman's production, previously at the Red Room, revived for the Critics' Choice season.
BAC, 176 Lavender Hill, SW11 (0171-223 2223). Opens tonight, 7.30pm. Then Tue-Sat, 7.30pm, Sun, 5.30pm. Until September 29

☐ **THEY SHOOT HORSES DON'T THEY**. The National Youth Theatre's annual season opens with the stage version of Horace McCoy's searing novel describing the dance marathons of the American Depression. The theatre is turned into a dance hall with a live band playing. Edward Wilson directs.
Bloomsbury, Gordon Street, WC1 (0171-388 8822). Last performances today and tomorrow, 7.45pm, mat Sat, 3pm.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

NEW RELEASES

L'AMORE MOLESTO (15): A woman grapples with her mother's bizarre death. Compelling and stylish psychological drama from director Mario Martone.
MGM Swiss Centre (0171-439 4470)

◆ **EMMA** (U): Gwyneth Paltrow shines in a Jane Austen adaptation that leans too much towards the pretty-pretty. With Jeremy Northam.
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LE MEPRIS (15): Gleaming revival of Jean-Luc Godard's 1963 fable about integrity, cinema, men and women. With Brigitte Bardot and Michel Piccoli.
Everyman (0171-435 1525)

◆ **A TIME TO KILL** (15): White lawyer defends black man, and the Ku Klux Klan wake up. Powerful adaptation of John Grisham's novel. With Samuel L. Jackson, Matthew McConaughey and Sandra Bullock. Director, Joel Schumacher.
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BEAUMARCHAIS (15): Pleasant costume drama about the wily French author of *The Marriage of Figaro*, played by Fabrice Luchini. Director, Edouard Molinaro.
Curzon West End (0171-369 1722) **Richmond** (0181-332 0030) **Virgin Chelsea** (0171-352 5096)

◆ **DIABOLIQUE** (18): Foolish remake of *Les Diaboliques*, with Sharon Stone and Isabelle Adjani as the women plotting a male brute's murder.
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◆ **MULHOLLAND FALLS** (15): Handsome but muted mystery thriller, set in 1950s Los Angeles, with Nick Nolte and John Malkovich.
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◆ **PHENOMENON** (PG): John Travolta's IQ gets a booster shot. Increasingly mawkish comic fantasy. With Kyra Sedgwick.
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◆ **STEALING BEAUTY** (15): Light and enjoyable Bertolucci film about an American teenager's sexual flowering in Tuscany. With Liv Tyler, Jeremy Irons.
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◆ **THE TRUTH ABOUT CATS AND DOGS** (15): Pleasant romantic comedy about mistaken identity, with Janeane Garofalo, Uma Thurman, Ben Chaplin.
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◆ **TWISTER** (PG): Cardboard characters chase tornadoes. Great special effects, but repetition softens the impact. With Helen Hunt and Bill Paxton. Director, Jan De Bont.
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DANCE: **Debra Craine** on the West End debut of Matthew Bourne's *Swan Lake*

The death of dreams

Swan Lake
Piccadilly Theatre

Dance is not used to seeing itself in commercial terms. Unlike theatre, which moves quite happily from the subsidised to the commercial sectors, dance rarely ventures out into the entertainment marketplace. And when it does go "commercial" the end result is more likely to be *Riverdance* than *Sleeping Beauty*. But *Swan Lake*? That most classical of ballets? In the West End?

Adventures in Motion Pictures, Matthew Bourne's modest contemporary dance troupe, has taken an enormous risk in bringing its *Swan Lake* into the West End, plopping it down alongside the blockbuster musicals and starry revivals of Shaftesbury Avenue. But then this is no ordinary *Swan Lake*. This is the Olivier Award-winner that set the dance world tittering last year with its all-male corps de ballet of bare-chested swans, the one that had people gleefully muttering about a "gay *Swan Lake*". Bourne's cheeky contemporary take on the great Romantic fairy-tale was hugely popular when it opened at Sadler's Wells. And it was thanks to the encouragement and generous support of Cameron Mackintosh — a man who knows a good show when he sees one — that *Swan Lake* has now ended up at the Piccadilly Theatre.

With its pokes at the House of Windsor and its numerous droll ironies, AMP's *Swan Lake* is full of delicious humour. But at its heart this is the tale of a sad little Prince who grows up into a latter-day Hamlet, surrounded by malignant influences at court, rejected by his mother, and so awash in melancholy that suicide seems the only release from his despair. He escapes into his dreams, where he finds liberation and empowerment in the Swan — not the icon of female beauty in the 19th-century original but a potent image of masculine strength.

At the end of Act II the Prince appears to have found what he has been searching for when the Swan offers to feed his hungry heart. But in Act III's royal ball the Prince's idealistic love turns sour; the Swan transmogrifies into a violent and sexually voracious stranger in tight leather trousers who seduces everyone in sight, including the Queen. Seeing his dream become nightmare, the jealous Prince is pushed over the edge into insanity. In the savage finale disintegration is complete; both Prince and Swan must die.

To brand this a "gay *Swan Lake*" is to do Bourne an injustice. Although there is no denying the gay sensibility of the surface love story, Bourne is careful to avoid overt homoeroticism in his choreography for the "white" pas de deux. And the heartbreaking images which open and close the ballet make it clear that his *Swan Lake* is ultimately about the death of idealism, and the death of dreams.

In showbiz terms, this is pretty dazzling stuff (as are Lez Brotherston's bold Fifties-inspired designs). Some of Bourne's best writing comes in the flashy numbers of Act III — the body-slapping finale to the black swan pas de deux, for instance — that have a wit and pizzazz in the best Broadway tradition. His handling of the swans is inventive and effective, with rows of fierce-eyed birds propelled forward on wings of intimidation. And his staging is very clever indeed (which is why theatre people love this piece so much). But what Bourne lacks is the breadth of language to illuminate the great set pieces of emotional resonance, and some of Tchaikovsky's most lavishly revealing moments are matched by an inexpressive physicality.

Every member of the first-night cast was superb. Scott Ambler's Prince is one of the finest portrayals you will see on a West End stage — dancing or otherwise. Fiona Chadwick, the former Covent Garden ballerina, is the mother-Queen from hell; and the current Royal Ballet star Adam Cooper is still the sexiest swan in the business.

The New London Orchestra, conducted by David Frame, produced a wonderfully full and vibrant sound in the pit, despite having only 30 musicians at its disposal.

DEE CONWAY

Scott Ambler (left) as the Prince and Adam Cooper as the Swan, in Bourne's award-winning staging

Sophisticated lady

Annie Ross
Café Royal

HOW many times has Annie Ross opened a set with her sultry rendition of *Bye Bye Blackbird*? I have lost count of the number of times I have heard her sing what, in anyone else's repertoire, might seem a tired old song. Like Miles Davis before her, she has turned the number into her own property, a charismatic statement of intent.

Not much has changed since her last visit to the Green Room a year or two ago. When a performer assembles such an astute collection of songs — from Porter and Berlin to the more contemporary world-view of Doc Pomus and Dr John — there is little point in tinkering merely for the sake of novelty.

A pity, though, that she still clings to *Music Is Forever*, a maudlin catalogue — co-written with Russ Freeman — of the many jazz greats who have played their final bars. Ella Fitzgerald is, alas, the latest addition to the list. Ross's intentions are admirable and certainly it takes some ingenuity to rhyme "Duke" with "Klook" (the nickname of drummer Kenny Clarke). But she is simply too sophisticated a singer to make much of material as sentimental as this.

To Hell With Love, one of the bright spots in that long-winded Robert Altman film *Short Cuts*, proved much more compelling. An actress to her fingertips, Ross invested the lyrics with all the cynicism and fragility they require. Her storytelling instincts served her equally well on the olde-worlde charm of *A Nightingale Sang In Berkeley Square*.

Jumpin' at the Woodside and the subtle vocalese improvisation on Wardell Grey's bop tune *Twisted* carried us back to Ross's early years on the bandstand. Her trio of Jack Parnell, Andy Cleyndert and pianist David Newton cruised nonchalantly behind her.

In the 40 years since the pioneering vocal arrangements of Lambert, Hendricks and Ross — dazzling forerunners of Manhattan Transfer — her voice has inevitably suffered some loss of range and precision. That hardly matters when her timing remains so astute, so flexible.

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Could Kula Shaker's brand of Eastern retro soon be the biggest thing in Britpop?

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ZZ Top go some way towards restoring their reputation with the curiously named *Rhythmeen*

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. . . while the even more oddly named BR5-49 produce a scintillating 33 minutes

POP: **David Sinclair** talks to Mike Mills about R.E.M.'s return from the brink of death; plus new albums

Fables of the resurrection

Written off after the setbacks of the past year, R.E.M. are back at the top of the charts. Post-traumatic for the people?

Demoralised by a series of life-threatening illnesses on last year's *Monster* tour, battered by the departure this summer of co-manager and "fifth band member" Jefferson Holt, drifting apart as individuals, and about to reach the end of their recording contract with Warner Bros ... It is hard to believe that this was the unremittingly bleak picture of R.E.M. being painted just two months ago.

However, with their universally acclaimed album *New Adventures in Hi-Fi* newly installed at the top of the chart this week, and a fresh recording contract with Warners, said to be worth a tidy $80 million, in the bag, it seems the obituaries were a bit premature. And after an hour in conversation with the band's ebullient bass and keyboard player Mike Mills, the very idea that R.E.M. might be about to throw in the towel simply seems preposterous.

"That was never an option. All it takes is for one magazine to write a story about us breaking up, and everybody assumes they must have a reason for writing that story, therefore it must be true. But it's total bullshit. The fact is that when Bill Berry was ill, our dominant concern was his health. But when you're faced with mortality like that, you have to consider the future. Would Bill still be able to play? Would he still want to play? But nobody ever said, 'Oh my God! Let's quit the band'."

No sooner had Berry recovered from brainsurgery in March 1995 to clip a ruptured aneurysm, than Mills himself had to undergo an emergency laparotomy to release an adhesion on his intestine. Weeks later, when singer Michael Stipe was admitted to hospital with a hernia, just after the band had played a show in Prague that had already been postponed twice, it began to look as if R.E.M. had truly offended their gods.

"Everybody started saying the band was cursed or something. But any of these things could and would have happened under any other circumstances. If I'd been sitting at home watching television, I would have got those adhesions anyway.

"At the end of the day it made us realise how much we cared about each other and it made us realise that the most important things to us regarding the band are firstly our friendship with each other and secondly the great things that we can do together musically. We've come through far too much in the past 15 years to let illness break us up. We're no quitters."

On the subject of Holt's departure, Mills will say only that he is not allowed to talk about it for legal reasons. "We made an agreement when we settled that none of us would talk about what happened."

He is upbeat, in a matter-of-fact way, about the new recording contract with Warners, which secures the band's services for a further five albums. "As you well know, nobody sits down and writes us out a cheque for $80 million. That's not what happens. The potential value of the deal, somewhere down the road, could approach $80 million. But it's just a figure. It has nothing to do with why we make music. We won't make five records just because we have to. If we think we're starting to smell like dead fish as a band then we'll certainly reconstruct the deal."

Of course, all bands say that, but very few actually pack it in while they are ahead. Certainly, there are no signs of middle-age spread on the aptly titled *New Adventures in Hi-Fi*, much of which was written and partly recorded during soundchecks and in sundry locations while the group was on the road. Mills is a youthful 37 and the average age of the band is now pushing 40. Can they sustain the momentum that has earned them the annual *Q* magazine award of Best Act in the World Today on three occasions?

"There's no road map for growing old as a rock 'n' roller. The Rolling Stones have taken one way, which is to make the tours more important than the albums. Another route is the one taken by Leonard Cohen or Van Morrison. They don't try to rock out like energetic kids, because that's not their nature, but they still deliver very powerful music. So there are various ways of approaching it. I'm very curious to see how we do it, but I certainly can't tell you how we'll do it now."

Presumably, a key factor in maintaining the magic must be the preservation of the unique personal chemistry that exists between the four of them. Mills, Stipe and Berry still live in and around Athens, Georgia (guitarist Peter Buck has moved to Seattle), but surely they must, by now, have shed the gang mentality that sustains all the best bands in their early days?

"As you get older, you each develop a more separate identity. That's inevitable. But the thing that keeps it going is the shared history that you have that nobody else knows. That never goes away. The experience of going out there, sink or swim, putting everything on the line to feed yourself ... those are the things that, if you've been through it as a young band, give you the strength that you need to carry it off later on."

- New Adventures In Hi-Fi *is out on Warner Bros*
- *R.E.M.'s* Road Movie (£12.99) *will be released on video by Warner Vision on September 30*

DES JENSON

Mike Mills of R.E.M.: "Everybody started saying the band was cursed or something"

Shaker, the money-maker

POP ALBUMS

KULA SHAKER
K
(Columbia)

EXUDING a sense of destiny that is almost palpable, Kula Shaker have swept up on British pop's blind-side with so little help and such unerring force that there is little left for the rest of us to do but gasp in wonder. Although criticised for treading the same path as retro-specialists Ocean Colour Scene and the Charlatans, Kula Shaker have nevertheless struck a chord with younger fans who long to hear such traditional sounds produced by musicians of their own age-group.

Constructed and played with enthusiastic brilliance, *K* is one of those rare albums that will become a touchstone for a generation, marking the point at which the simple verities of Britpop gave way to an altogether heavier and more psychedelic-sounding brand of Britrock. The parallel point in the 1960s would be when "progressive" heavyweights such as Chicago Transit Authority, Jethro Tull and Santana took over the reins from beat-boom groups such as the Yardbirds and the Animals.

There are plenty of memorable choruses such as on *Into the Deep* and *Start All Over*, which rub shoulders with blasts of pummelling, high-voltage rock 'n' roll, notably the singles *Hey Dude* and *Grateful When You're Dead*. And they spin a neat line in pseudo-Indian mysticism on *Govinda* and *Sleeping Jiva*. But what really sets the album apart is the way in which the numbers all contribute to the sense of an epic tale unfolding, especially the exotic textures of *Tattva* and mysterious portents of *Temple of the Everlasting Light*.

Kula Shaker: sense of destiny

ZZ TOP
Rhythmeen
(RCA 74321 394662)

IT IS a fine line between smart and stupid, as the man once said, and ZZ Top continue to tread it with regal aplomb. "Her castanets are enormous/ Her bongo beat absolute," growls Billy Gibbons on *She's Just Killing Me*, a meat-and-potatoes, blues-rock groove which, like many others on *Rhythmeen*, prompts a mild sense of *déjà vu*.

The album is dotted with the various madcap splashes of colour and humour that set the trio apart from the heavy-rock herd. Gibbons plays the whole of *Loaded* with what sounds like a faulty guitar lead, the instrument stuttering in and out of a heavily reverbed mix like a drunk negotiating a route home.

This is the blues with lashings of special Texan sauce.

BR5-49
BR5-49
(Arista 07822 18818)

IS IT a flight number? A mail-order code? Or simply the dullest name in pop, especially for a band from the world of country music with its colourful assortment of outlaws, mavericks and the like?

But dull BR5-49 are not. Applying youthful vigour and modern playing techniques to the lost art of western swing and 1950s rockabilly, they continue to breathe new life into a neglected genre.

Seamlessly mixing their own compositions with long forgotten gems by Moon Mullican (*Cherokee Boogie*) and other old-timers, the band has produced an album to warm the hearts of anyone with even a sneaking affection for the music that provided the original bedrock of rock 'n' roll.

Although perfectly in keeping with the style, the playing time of just 33 minutes seems a trifle modest. But only one serious question remains. Did they have to call the album *BR5-49* as well?

VARIOUS ARTISTS
Later Volume One: Brit Beat
(Island 524298)

THE television show *Later with Jools Holland* has won admiration for the way in which it encourages musicians from widely differing backgrounds to rub shoulders in a relaxed studio setting.

But when it comes to marketing a series of albums compiled from recordings of the show, the familiar demarcation lines quickly come into play. *Volume One: Brit Beat* thus collects performances by the usual roll call of one-word bands — Blur, Oasis, Pulp, Suede, Ash, Supergrass, Cast *et al* — and associated acts (from Paul Weller to Audioweb), but fans who want to broaden their scope will have to wait for subsequent volumes, including *World Beat* and *Slow Beats*, in the coming months.

An entertaining snapshot of one of the most vibrant eras of British pop, *Brit Beat* underlines the commitment of all these acts to live performance — a clue, perhaps, to the "movement's" striking success? Elastica's version of *Car Song* is especially brilliant, and Oasis's performance of *Wonderwall* — with Noel Gallagher singing in place of an indisposed Liam — is one of many moments that provide a sense of history in the making.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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Winning selection of score draws

JAZZ ALBUMS

COLIN TOWNS' MASK ORCHESTRA
Nowhere & Heaven
(Provocateur Records PVC 1013)

LIKE Towns's debut big-band jazz album, released to uniformly enthusiastic reviews last year, *Nowhere & Heaven* is packed with the graceful, subtly evocative but surprisingly accessible themes which have made him one of Britain's leading film and television composers, enthusiastically and faultlessly played by a 17-piece band drawn from the country's top jazz players. The compositions, too, range from ambitious tone poems crammed with unexpected felicities of timbre and texture, through cream-smooth ballads to rambunctious Mingusian flag-wavers.

Unlike its predecessor, however, this double (for the price of a single) album features a vocalist, Maria Pia De Vito, whose moody, silken interpretations of Towns's lyrics and suitably dramatic treatment of a Carol Ann Duffy poem, *Standing Female Nude*, serve to focus the feeling of wistful melancholy with which much of Towns's work is imbued. His scores for *Brother Cadfael* and the forthcoming *Ivanhoe* may reach many more ears than his jazz work, but it is for the wonderfully rich music contained on his big-band albums that Towns is likely to be remembered.

VAUGHAN HAWTHORNE-NELSON
Emergence
(TML Records TML 001)

ALTHOUGH just 28, London-born alto player Vaughan Hawthorne-Nelson might easily have entitled this, his third album, *Re-emergence*, since it marks his reappearance on the British jazz scene after a seven-year absence during which he absorbed the musical lessons taught him at Berklee, studied counselling psychology and worked in a therapeutic community home for young people.

His is a restless, keening saxophone sound, heavily influenced by John Coltrane. But the astringent tumble of notes which characterises Hawthorne-Nelson's most effective work on this intense, deeply-felt album demonstrates an equally profound debt to a living mentor, American alto man Bobby Watson.

CHRIS PARKER

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**New Adventures in Hi-Fi**	R.E.M. (Warner Bros)
2	**Travelling Without Moving**	Jamiroquai (Sony S²)
3	**Jagged Little Pill**	Alanis Morissette (Maverick)
4	**Older**	George Michael (Virgin)
5	**The Smurfs Go Pop!**	The Smurfs (EMI TV)
6	**Coming Up**	Suede (Nude)
7	**The Score**	Fugees (Columbia)
8	**Moseley Shoals**	Ocean Colour Scene (MCA)
9	**(What's the Story) Morning Glory?**	Oasis (Creation)
10	**Bilingual**	Pet Shop Boys (Parlophone)

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Passing the torch song to a new generation

Charles Aznavour as teen idol? Jacques Brel hipper than Jarvis? Life really is a never-ending cabaret and Scott Walker is the one true god

CAITLIN MORAN

THERE is a revival going on at the moment. Not another spate of graverobbing *retroism* — retroism is Kula Shaker using the same effects pedals, harmonies, trousers, haircuts and philosophies as the Beatles without adding a single new ingredient; kind of like those posh restaurants that "reinvent" fish and chips by cooking it exactly like they do at Crystal Kebab Shop on the Holloway Road and charging £17 for it. No, it has nothing to do with that.

Revivalism is all about seeing pop music as a relay race — for instance, mid-1980s punk-pop band the Pixies looked well on course to world domination before they imploded in 1990, but Kurt Cobain picked up their baton and ran with it all the way to *In Utero*. Brian Wilson's brain turned into a hamster called Ian and went into hibernation from the 1960s onwards, but the Boo Radleys seem to have found a notebook with "My Plan to be a Genius, by Brian Wilson" written on it, and added a couple of astonishing chapters. Bananarama had to retire from their ten-year party in 1994, because of the prohibitive costs of babysitters, but the plucky Spice Girls are now drinking, dancing and getting on down in their honour. Revivalism is about current songwriters speculating about what their heroes would sound like if they lived in, say, West Bromwich in 1996, and then taking things one step further.

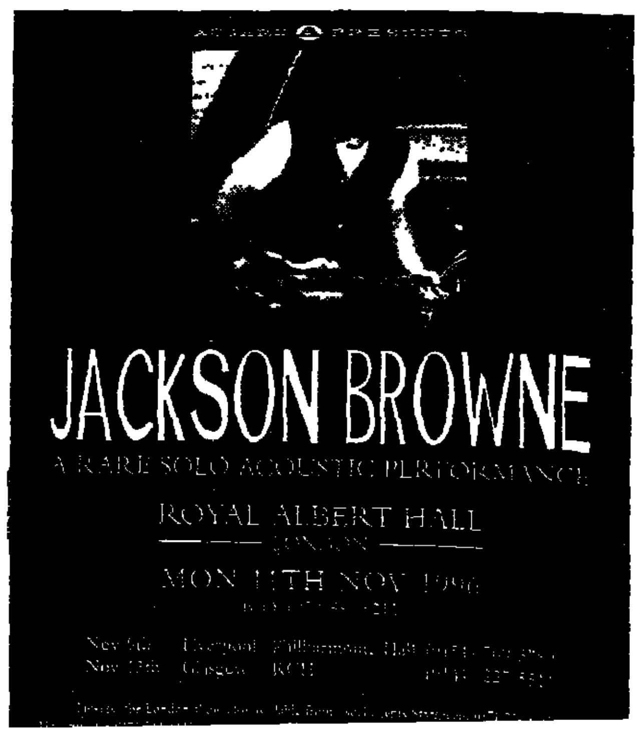
So in a week when Pulp won yet another award for *Different Class*, it seems only right to look at the revival of which they are a part. Cabaret torch-singers and their lush, mordant orchestras are being reappraised after 20 years in the wilderness: Jacques Brel, Charles Aznavour, Serge Gainsbourg, Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazlewood. Dusty Springfield and Scott Walker's back catalogues are being snapped up in charity shops for 50p and their influence is lending an autumnal hue to the charts. *Different Class* fairly reeks with their Brechtian moods: Jarvis's stretched phrasing on *Live Bed Show* is classic Aznavour; and the ghost of Jacques Brel's gloriously filthy tongue is rampant in *I Spy*, backed by an orchestra who seem to consist entirely of embittered Frenchmen spoiling for a revolution.

Following on Pulp's heels are a dozen newer brands who all obviously faint at the mention of Gene Pitney. The Divine Comedy's *Casanova* album uses the grandiosity of Scott Walker as a springboard for tales of a raging libido at war with morality/ girls who just are not interested; and long-time rivals My Life Story have finally got a record deal for their *Mornington Crescent* album, allowing frontman and songwriter Jake Shillingford to indulge in the huge orchestras and cabaret glamour which obviously delight him.

Going further underground, the impossibly beautiful debut album *Pioneer Soundtracks* by Jack mines the darker side of torch-cabaret: the austere air of pre- and postwar Berlin, shaky spotlights and alcoholism through necessity. White Jazz has Anthony Reynolds hissing "Yes, yes, yes, yes", sounding like a kettle simultaneously boiling and orgasming, while the violinists seem to be trying to saw through their instruments with their bows.

For the same kind of thing, but altogether more wounded and reflective, Tindersticks have been putting out an album a year of exquisite broken cabaret that brings to mind Leonard Cohen singing lullabies in the middle of the Channel Tunnel.

So when you hear it on the radio, remember: this is not retroism, just the continuation of certain sounds.



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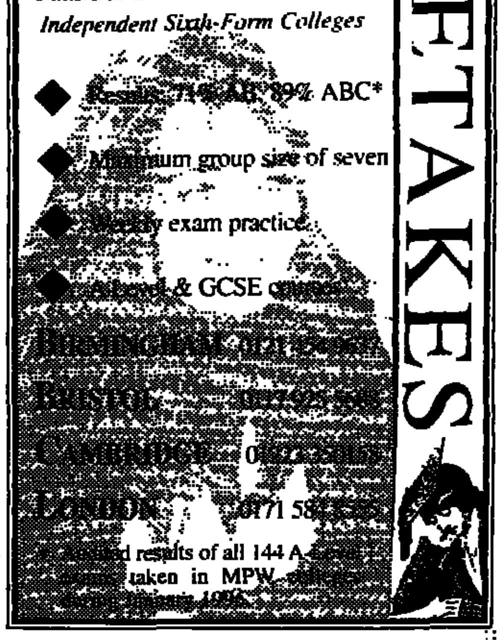

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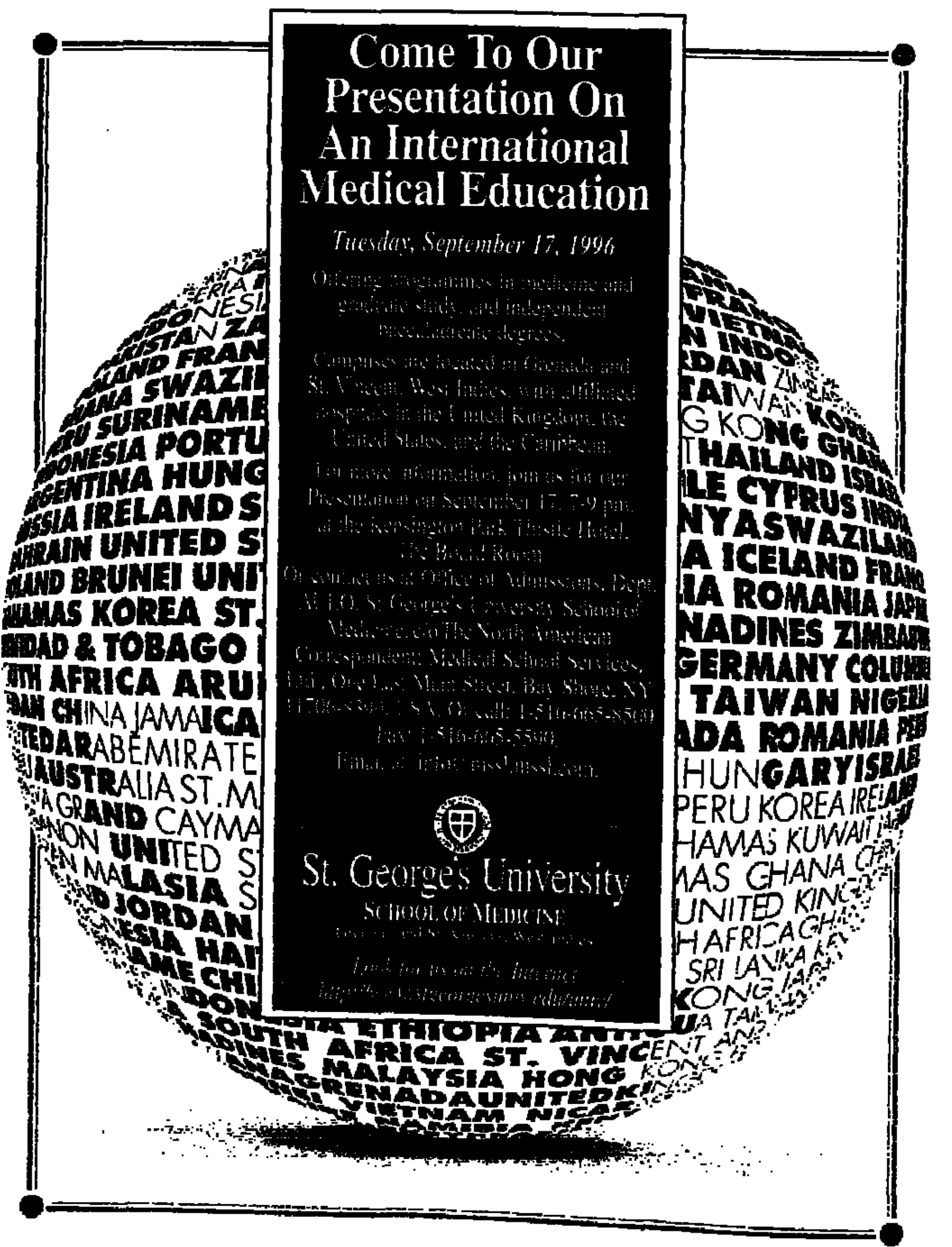

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City primaries raise standards

Urban schools are doing well despite the exam figures says **Simon Midgley**

ANDRE CAMARA

Pupils at Wandle Primary School in Wandsworth, inner London: making good progress in raising personal achievement

Academics and school inspectors have long said that pupils in rich middle-class suburbs are not always doing better educationally than their peers in inner-city schools that take their pupils from disadvantaged catchment areas. Now, for the first time, there is evidence to prove it.

New data on the performance of primary schools in the west London borough of Wandsworth show that some inner-city schools achieve more progress with their disadvantaged children than apparently better-favoured schools do with their advantaged and forward pupils.

Those raising the achievement of their pupils most effectively are not necessarily the schools which achieved the best results in national curriculum tests at the age of seven. Nor, in turn, the data imply, will they be those schools that get the best raw results in the national league tables of achievement for 11-year-old pupils, which the Government plans to publish next March.

Wandsworth council has compared the results of the tests in the autumn at the age of seven last year of 1,700 primary school pupils with their results in tests three years earlier at the age of four.

The comparative data reveal that children start school with widely differing levels of knowledge of English, reading and mathematics, depending on their family backgrounds.

Some schools that appear to have achieved high results in tests at the age of seven were blessed with advantaged intakes three years earlier and might have been expected to have achieved even more progress with those pupils. Dr Stephen Strand, the head of educational research at Wandsworth council, which has just produced a study paper on how children progressed, says that, conversely, some schools in disadvantaged areas have boosted their children's achievement "to an amazing degree and are very effective schools". Once you adjust the children's results at the age of seven for the added value given in their past three years of schooling, Dr Strand says, you get a different idea of which schools are the most effective.

Wandsworth is the first educational authority in the country that has been able to set the results of key stage one test results against the children's earlier assessments at the age of four. This is because it was the first education authority to introduce baseline testing for four-year-olds in 1992. Baseline testing is now done in about half of all LEAs.

"Some schools can be complacent," Dr Strand says. "If you have a fairly able intake, in a fairly affluent middle-class area, you end up getting fairly good raw (key stage one test) results, but there is a danger that maybe you are not stretching the children as much as you should be."

Conversely, he says, there is also evidence of schools in the more disadvantaged areas making good educational progress. One Wandsworth primary is taking very low-attaining pupils from extremely disadvantaged backgrounds and the pupils are making "phenomenal" progress.

But the study also reveals that even after adjusting pupils' achievements, allowing for factors such as relative poverty, social deprivation, ethnic and gender differences, some schools are still much more effective than others, Dr Strand says.

The difference between the most effective schools in the borough and the least effective was 0.6 of a national curriculum level. This, put more simply, means that a pupil in the least effective school could be more than one year behind his peer in the most effective school.

"National performance tables can be very misleading if you are going to interpret the raw results as a measure of the school's effectiveness," Dr Strand says.

The study paper also reveals that not only do girls start school with a higher level of educational achievement than boys, but that they get even further ahead in the first three years of schooling. This suggests, Dr Strand says, that we need to examine what is happening in primary schools, and at home, for an explanation of why there is this growing gap in achievement.

The study also reveals not only that children on free school meals enter primary schools with a lower achievement level than other pupils, but that they fall even further behind in the first three years.

On a positive note it found that children for whom English was a second language started school at a much lower baseline of achievement than their monolingual English-speaking peers, but rapidly caught up.

Dr Strand, who will be presenting his findings to the British Educational Research Conference in Lancaster today, says this probably reflects the substantial amount of support Wandsworth is able to give such children through Section 11 funding.

The authority could publish a league table of the relative achievements of its primary schools at the age of seven adjusted for added value, but it does not for fear of alienating head teachers in the borough's 58 primary schools. But the value added adjusted results for individual schools are made available to heads and to governors. They in turn inform parents of a school's relative strengths and weaknesses.

Dr Strand says that pupils who attend schools with relatively good raw results, but who are underachieving, might have done better at an effective school with apparently worse results.

HOW PUPILS ARE ASSESSED

WANDSWORTH assesses four-year-olds on their knowledge and skills in the second half of their first term in reception class. The authority guarantees a full-time reception place for every four-year-old in the borough. The assessment consists of two elements. Firstly, a teacher-completed checklist on social and emotional development, early language skills — reading and writing — and early maths. And second, assessments or tests of early literacy are given to groups of three or four pupils. These try to find out whether the children can recognise the difference between letters and numbers. Do they know that you read from the left to the right and the top to the bottom of a page? Do they have advanced knowledge, for example, the difference between capital and lower-case letters?

Clearing works . . . but almost too well

Record A-level results have not led to chaos, says **Catriona Davies**

As a new academic year approaches, more than 273,000 students have already secured university places. For all the predictions of chaos after record A-level results, the figure is almost exactly the same as last year.

The clearing process — which matches to unfilled courses those students who do not have places after examination results are released — is drawing to the end of what looks like its most efficient year. Just over 33,000 applicants have so far found places this way, 2,500 above the figure for the same time last year.

But the Universities and Colleges Admissions Service (Ucas) predicts that the final total will be slightly lower than the 41,000 students using clearing in 1995 because the improved A-level results meant that more students got their first choice. If so, it will be the third successive fall in the numbers of students using clearing.

The first few days after A-level results are released is a manic period for university admissions departments, most of which open special hotlines to deal with student inquiries. Manchester Metropolitan University, the biggest non-federal institution in the country, took more than 97,500 calls in the first five days after A-level results. Others describe a short chaotic period, during which most places are filled.

But as the hotlines cool down, and clearing enters its fifth week, many universities are left with the problem of filling courses. Engineering, technology and languages are often difficult to fill at less popular universities. Anne Pinkney, Anglia Polytechnic University's admissions officer, said: "The places seem to be filling more slowly than in previous years." South Bank University last year failed by 400 to meet its target number of students, and this year has had to lower the target.

More and more subjects are being offered: this year more than 30,000 combinations. Yet it is not accompanied by a rise in the number of students taking higher education courses, because of freezes in government funding. So students are being faced with more choice of subject. With so many options, fewer students need to take unpopular courses at unpopular universities, and the places remain unfilled.

This year's improved A-level results have made it possible for the most popular univeristies to be stricter than ever about taking only students with the required A-level points. The effect of this on less popular universities, and on the whole clearing process, is less clear. Anne Richards of Central Lancashire thinks the university picked up a lot of students who made CLU an "insurance" option.

> 'The places seem to be filling more slowly'

Jess Enderby of Ucas attributes the increased number of students so far placed through clearing to a new system introduced this year. For the first time, clearing opened at the start of July, so students with non-A-level qualifications were able to secure places before the late-August rush.

Though the official clearings lists finish for the year this weekend, it will still be possible to secure a university place right up until term starts. Last-minute vacancies sometimes appear at even the most popular courses when students drop out or alter their start by a year. Ucas encourages students to contact universities directly throughout September and then to fill out a Ucas late-entry form.

Vanessa Bridge, Leeds University's information officer, said: "Places are continually becoming available."

Meanwhile, forward-thinking sixth-formers are already applying for 1997 entry. Ucas opened its doors to a new year of university applicants on September 1. The deadline is October 15 for Oxford and Cambridge and December 15 for all other universities.

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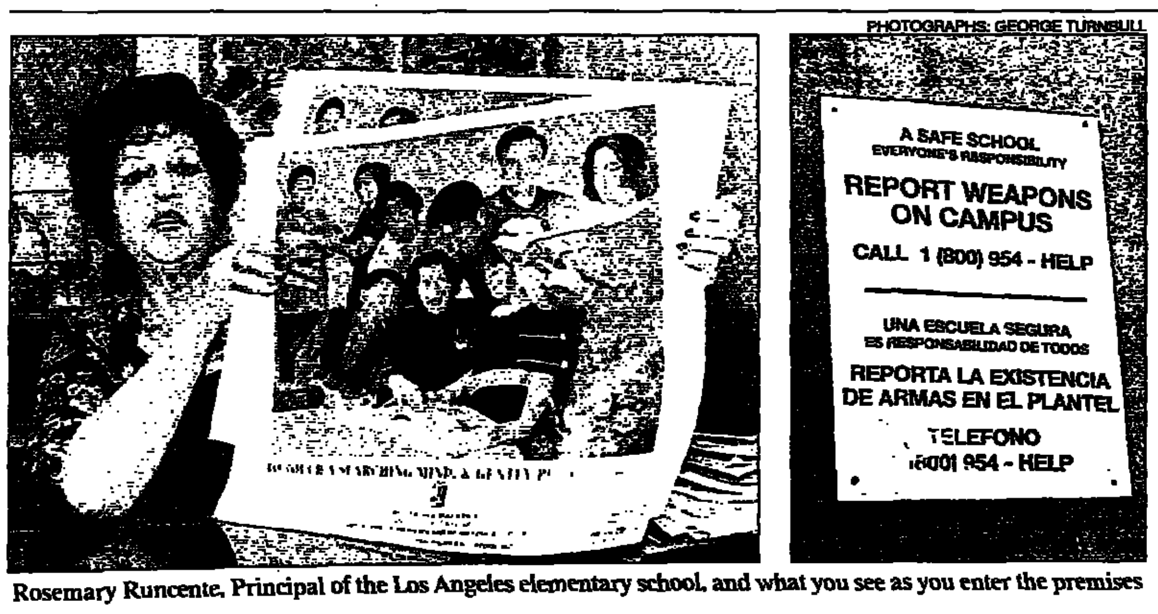

Rosemary Runcente, Principal of the Los Angeles elementary school, and what you see as you enter the premises

'Teacher's just been shot'

George Turnbull describes the horrific kind of events the authorities have to be ready for in Los Angeles

Armed police arrived 40 seconds after Alfredo Perez, a teacher, was shot through the brain by a stray bullet from the street as he taught 23 youngsters in the library of Figueroa Street Elementary School, Los Angeles. Eighteen minutes later, he was on the operating table as a 20-strong crisis team set about fighting for the school's life.

Psychological aid followed first aid as the realisation dawned on staff and students that a much-loved teacher was dying, minutes after the school had begun its day.

Marleen Wong, Los Angeles Unified School District Mental Health Services director, says: "A routine begins within 15 minutes of any school disaster. Schools are arranged in clusters of 20 for rapid response, and everyone knows what to do. Medics are summoned for first aid or to pronounce death. Relatives are informed and counselled. The media also need to know."

But school closure is not recommended and the next day is planned carefully. The aim is to keep students and parents informed and to present the school as a safe place.

Ms Wong explains: "If students are kept away, fear and insecurity will be reinforced. The room in which the incident happened should be changed. But if someone has died, their seat is kept for a time, with flowers to allow grief to be expressed."

Bitter experience has forced the school district to learn from its mistakes. In 1984, a shooting incident at another school exposed the need for a rapid-response crisis strategy. A girl was killed and other students and teachers were injured by a sniper "because he didn't like Mondays". A strategy was developed.

Wesley Mitchell, the Chief of Police for the Los Angeles Unified School that "the deranged ting such crimes". But with 500 full and part-time officers and 800,000 students, staff and property to protect, his role is important. He would like to see the British bobby system of community policing in his city. "Making schools safe is a community problem," he says, "not just one for the police. Safety does not come with wire-mesh fencing. It may mark the territory, but if it can be scaled, cut or damaged, it will not keep out undesirables. High solid metal fencing is preferable. But security-minded staff working with the local community and the police is the most powerful deterrent of all."

Classrooms are locked during lessons and security cameras scour campuses for intruders. Students remain in the classroom if an incident occurs, and strict rules and procedures are followed thereafter to preserve a safe environment, until assistance arrives. Visitors are monitored at entrances by volunteer parents or security aids. Some schools have remote-locking doors with cameras. Secondary school campuses have two armed police officers on patrol at all times. Lavatory visits during class time cannot be taken unless the student is accompanied.

That rule was broken in January this year when a five-year-old was raped in the school lavatory, at 66th Street Elementary School, by a 16-year-old boy. The unaccompanied student was excused from her class in the early afternoon, on a day when Carmen Garner, the Principal, was absent. The attack lasted five minutes while the toilet door was left open.

Mrs Garner says, however, that "even the President's safety cannot be guaranteed". (Two attacks were made recently on the White House, one involving a gun, the other a light aircraft.) Yet she considers school premises safe. As she patrols the elementary school she now runs, she says: "When these buildings were put up, safety was not an issue and that makes it difficult. But I could have a police helicopter overhead in minutes, simply by using this two-way radio.."

But a 40-second response time was too late to prevent Alfredo Perez losing part of his brain, committing him to painful treatment. The shooting was drug-related. A second shot had entered an upstairs classroom, but no one was hurt.

Rosemary Runcente, the Principal, says: "This is a nice community, but the parents perceive it as dangerous." But, with property around the school used for drug-dealing and a gang-related shooting that left a teacher's life in ruins, it is difficult to understand her praise for the district.

With bullet-proof glass in the windows now, the school is certainly safer. Police Chief Mitchell considers the community a bigger problem. He believes that it may be 40 years before the development of the kind of community involvement that would help to solve such problems in Los Angeles schools and that, with a 30 per cent increase in the number of young people by 2006, solutions do need to be found soon, so that bitter experience is no longer the teacher.

● *George Turnbull is editor of* Business Matters, *published by the Associated Examining Board*

Girls take the lead at the independents

John O'Leary looks closely at the latest breakdown of results from private schools

The headline message from the independent schools' first full breakdown of girls' and boys' examination results is straightforward: the girls are well ahead at GCSE and are establishing a lead at A level. But the more interesting comparisons are to be found within the mixed schools.

Previous analyses have said more about the different types of school than the pupils within them. Comparing the leading mixed schools with their single-sex counterparts can be misleading because of their different selection policies: top schools such as the two St Paul's schools, in west London, attract outstandingly bright children.

The breakdown of results gives the first insight into how pupils who have cleared the same entrance hurdles fare subsequently. In the majority of cases, this means comparing grades in those one-time boys' schools that are now co-educational.

Among the leading mixed schools in *The Times* league tables, there are wide variations in relative performance of boys and girls, some of which buck all the national trends. At King's School, Canterbury, for example, boys' and girls' results were similar at GCSE; but girls did better at A level.

At Sevenoaks School, there is added confusion because the boys did better in the International Baccalaureate but the girls did better at A level. Among the leading mixed schools, only Rugby School produced virtually identical pass rates for both sexes at GCSE and A level.

In most mixed schools, as in the aggregate for all subscribers to the Independent Schools Information Service, girls were well ahead at GCSE. The gap was narrower at A level, with boys turning the tables in many cases. At Bancroft's School, in Essex, for example, the girls achieved 34 per cent starred A grades at GCSE, compared with the boys' 24 per cent. But at A level the boys were marginally ahead.

Professor Alan Smithers, the head of policy research at Brunel University, said that some of the differences could be explained by girls switching schools for the sixth form. At Westminster School, for example, where the girls' A level results were the best in England, all 40 girls joined after GCSE.

He said: "The results are very interesting and will take some time to analyse fully. But results such as Westminster's show that very able pupils will do well, regardless of whether they are in single-sex or mixed schools."

The results, published yesterday, show girls achieving a higher points score per subject at A level, although boys scored more points overall for university entrance because they took more subjects. Boys took an average of 3.15 A levels to the girls' 3.04.

● *The GCSE and A-level tables published last month are available through* The Times Internet service. *They are included in a new education package in the Information Times section. Readers can find it at http://www.the-times.co.uk*

● *Immanuel College in Bushey, Hertfordshire, was omitted from the GCSE table published on August 31. Its 51 pupils achieved 40.8 per cent A grades, placing it equal 28th in the table. Wirral County Grammar School for Girls achieved the 35.3 per cent A-grade total attributed to Bebington High School. The King's School, Chester, is a boys school, and Wellington School, Somerset, is mixed.*

BATTLE OF THE SEXES

A-LEVELS

School	Boys A	Boys B	Girls C	Girls D
Westminster Sch, London	106	8.64	40	8.95
Sevenoaks Sch, Sevenoaks, Kent	68	7.88	52	8.20
King's Sch, Canterbury, Kent	80	7.84	60	8.27
Oundle Sch, Peterborough, N'hants	161	7.41	42	7.48
Rugby Sch, Rugby, W'wicks	97	7.74	38	7.77
King Henry VIII, Coventry, W Mids	66	7.67	39	7.55

Columns: A-boys taking exam; B-av grade in Ucas pts; C-girls taking exam; D-av grade in Ucas pts

GCSE

School	Boys A	Boys B	Boys C	Girls D	Girls E	Girls F
Sevenoaks Sch, Sevenoaks	81	28.9	68.9	57	28.9	78.1
Chetham's Sch of Music, Manchester	12	34.1	65.9	12	28.6	78.0
Stockport Grammar Sch, Stockport	70	27.1	63.8	73	37.1	71.6
Oundle Sch, Peterborough	128	23.5	60.9	42	35.8	78.3
Bancroft's Sch, Woodford Green	48	24.7	60.9	56	34.8	68.5
Red House Sch Ltd, Stockton-on-Tees	20	32.4	73.5	15	10.8	51.1

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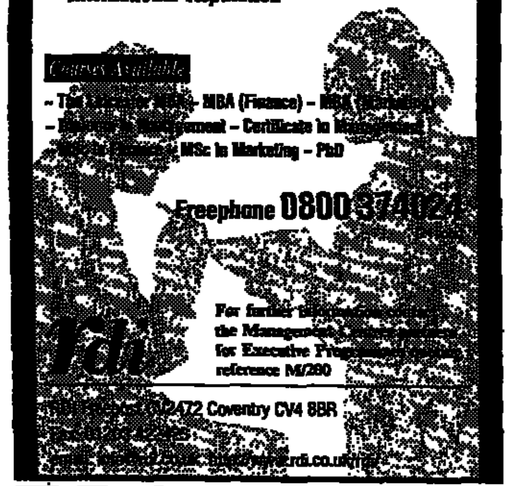

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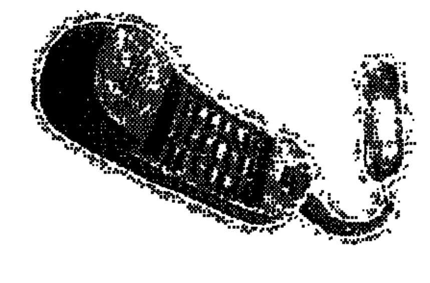

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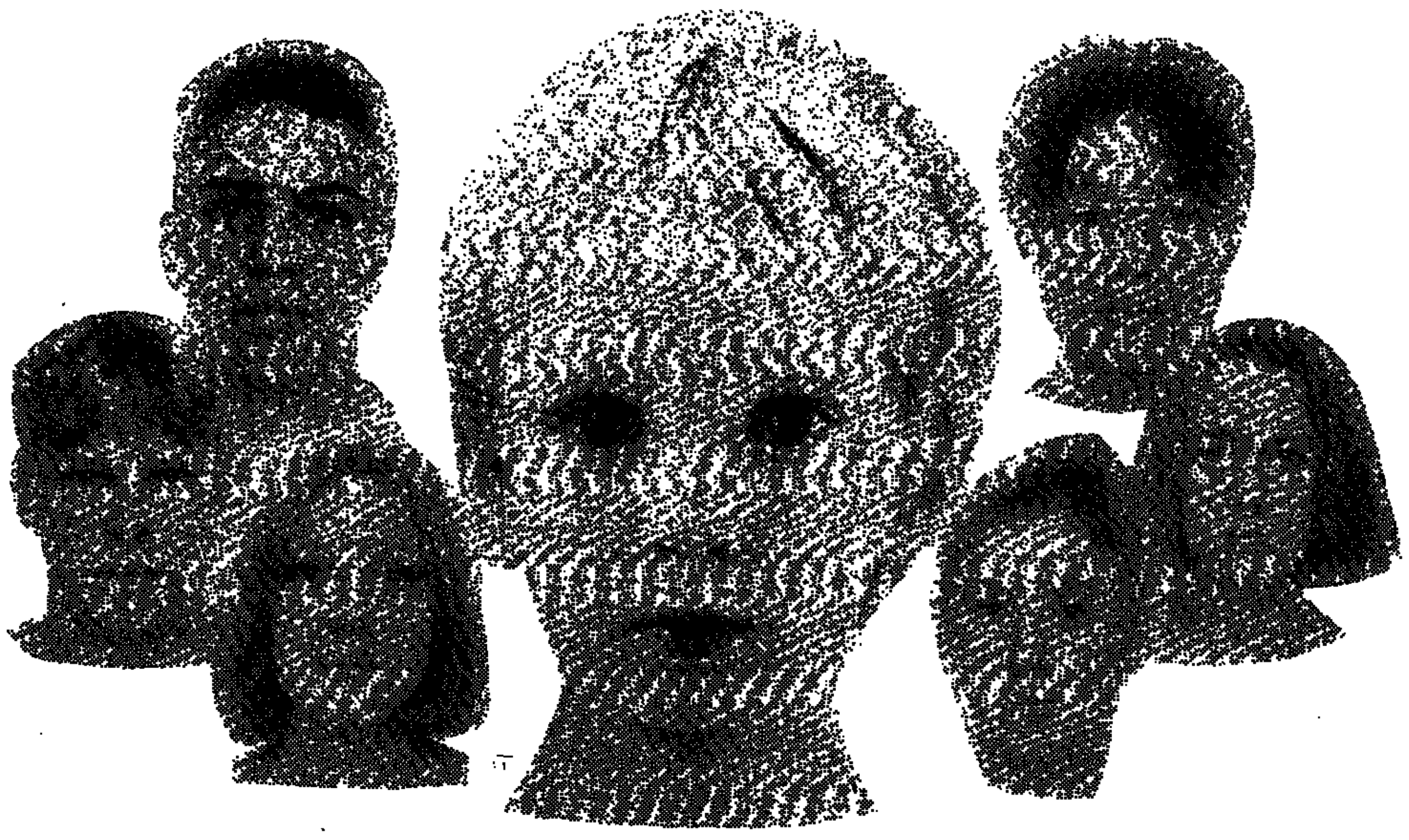

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Parnevik makes a point with 66

FROM MEL WEBB IN PARIS

JESPER PARNEVIK is Swedish and, it would be imagined, therefore fulfils the prime requirement of a potential member of a European Ryder Cup team. He is also rather good at golf, so that is another part of the job description passed. Yet Parnevik could win the Lancôme Trophy, which started here yesterday, and make no advance in the qualifying table; and the reason for that could have something to do with the fact that he does not appear in it.

Parnevik claimed a place in category five in the PGA European Tour exemption list when he won the Scandinavian Masters last year. He will be in the same category next season, too, but, unless he complies with a Tour demand that he plays at least 11 tournaments in Europe next year, he remains a non-person in the Cup points list.

Parnevik, who is in his second season on the United States Tour, said, after a 66 at St Nom-la-Bretèche that left him a shot off the lead, that he was not prepared to commit himself to playing that many tournaments in Europe. Last year he was an affiliate member of the Tour, which gave him a place on the list, but the rule has now been changed so as to debar him from affiliate membership.

"Of course I want to be in the Ryder Cup," he said. "I can't imagine anybody not wanting to play in it, but I'm not going to give up the US tour for the Ryder Cup. I'm just beginning to feel comfortable on American courses, and I feel I must continue to play there for the sake of my career."

An extension of the small lunacy of closing the door on one of Europe's best players is that Severiano Ballesteros, the Europe captain, could pick Parnevik as a wild-card selection. It seems, at the very least, a little odd that Parnevik could win three tournaments in Europe and one of the American majors next year and stay out in the cold, yet win nothing and be picked. Pass the silly pills, please.

Colin Montgomerie, meanwhile, was contemplating the near future after a 66 that left him alongside Parnevik, Stuart Cage and Andrew Coltart, a shot behind Jamie Spence. "Trying to win the order of merit for the fourth year is keeping me going," he said.

"Battling with Ian Woosnam for the top spot is fun. I shall end up playing 18 tournaments this year after playing 20 last year, 21 the year before and 24 the year before that. I'm coming down, but the money is going up — obviously something is improving." He can say that again.

Nick Faldo, who dropped three shots in the last three holes, returned a 73 and might struggle to make the cut, while Bernhard Langer, a career-long martyr to the painful perils of putting, broke new ground when he made his first competitive appearance with a long-handled putter. It worked pretty well for a while as Langer went to the turn in 30 — five birdies, no bogeys, no passes — but could not sustain the effort, coming home in 37 to finish on three under par.

"*It seems to be OK,*" he said. "*It feels uncomfortable, but, if it works, that's all right with me.*" He was asked if the long handle was a last resort. "Nothing's a last resort," he said. "There's always something else to try." Like what, for instance? A snooker cue?

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65: J Spence. 66: C Montgomerie, J Parnevik (Swe), A Coltart, S Cage. 67: D Clarke, D Howell, H Clark, P Baker, I Woosnam, E Romero (Arg), B Langer (Ger). 68: R Drummond, T Johnstone (Zim), M A Jimenez (Sp), P Broadhurst, S Torrance, C Rocca (It), P Harrington, M Roe, S Webster. 69: S Grappasonni (It), S Ballesteros (Sp), B Lane, A Lebouc (Fr). 70: R Green (Aus), P Mitchell, R Rafferty, R Davis (Aus), P Linhart (Sp), C Beck (US), R McFarlane, A Hunter, G Orr. 71: T Planchin (Fr), P Haugsrud (Nor), W Riley (Aus), P Eales, G Brand Jr, F Roca (Sp), F Tarnaud (Fr), P-U Johansson (Swe), P Price, R Coles, R Boxall, M Farry (Fr), J Coceres (Arg), M Davis, S Richardson, D Higgins

Langer wields a long-handled putter for the first time

Alfredsson polishes Solheim Cup hopes

BY JOHN HOPKINS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT

SOME tournaments are great, others have greatness thrust upon them. Whereas the Weetabix Women's British Open is as important as its name suggests, some of the significance of the Wilkinson Sword Ladies English Open is generated by its proximity to the Solheim Cup, which takes place next week.

Seven members of Mickey Walker's Europe team that will play against the United States at St Pierre are competing at The Oxfordshire. Form can fluctuate so much in golf that Walker is not likely to be unduly concerned if any of her team is out of touch. She should be pleased, nonetheless, that one of them, Helen Alfredsson, leads after a 67, five under par.

Alfredsson, who tops the European money-list, is one stroke ahead of Laura Navarro and two of Corinne Dibnah. Of Alfredsson's teammates, Laura Davies, Marie-Laure de Lorenzi, Alison Nicholas and Kathryn Marshall equalled or bettered par. Dale Reid, one of Walker's selections for the team, had a 74 and Trish Johnson, the winner of a tournament last Sunday, a 76, despite birdieing two of her last five holes.

In mid-May, when the Benson and Hedges International Open was staged at this new club just off the M40, inclement weather made Rees Jones's course a fearsome test for the men. It was wet and very windy and the men wrapped themselves up as if it was midwinter. The visitor who came to watch then and returned yesterday must have wondered if there had been any summer in between because the weather was overcast and a nagging, tugging wind blew beneath a stone grey sky. It was cold and dispiriting.

Alfredsson, however, whose nature is positive, cheerful and outgoing, made light of it with three birdies and an eagle. She said that she thought the greens were fabulous and she could not conceal her delight at the way she is playing.

This is odd because Alfredsson is counting the days until she can have an operation to alleviate the pain that she feels constantly in her right lower back, the result of tripping over a bicycle 11 years ago.

While she waits, she is benefiting from a tip about her posture given to her in the United States by Beth Daniel, who told her to spread her weight more evenly at the address. Alfredsson had been putting too much of her weight on her left side to compensate for the pain that she felt in her right side. This was affecting her swing.

That tip, clearly, has done the trick. Two weeks ago Alfredsson nearly withdrew from an event at the start of the fourth round because she felt so unwell and yet was beaten only in a play-off. Last Saturday she played her best golf for five years, and now this.

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Moffat's senior service sets up Scots

BY PATRICIA DAVIES

LAURA MOFFAT, at 16 the bonny bairn of the Scotland side, was maturity itself as she won the point that secured victory against Wales on the second day of the women's home internationals at Longniddry on the Firth of Forth yesterday. England got the better of Ireland, to set up yet another showdown between the Anglos and the Scots for the title today.

Having lost the three foursomes, Scotland did not need motivating after lunch and won the first five singles.

Anne Laing, their champion, set the tone, defeating Lisa Dermott in the top match. All square after 12, Laing looked odds on to lose the short 13th, but she got up and down for a classy par and Dermott three-putted. Laing won the next with a birdie four and, after driving into the rough at the 15th, hacked out and hit a magnificent five-iron into the bitter northeasterly wind to four feet for a half that was uplifting or soul-destroying, depending on allegiance.

Mhairi McKay, Alison Rose and Hilary Monaghan also won and Moffat, making her senior singles debut, realised as early as the 13th that hers would be the pivotal point. She was playing Vicki Thomas, at 41 an icon of Welsh golf — "I'd heard of her," Moffat said chirpily — but perhaps past her prime. Underclubbing cost Thomas the 12th and 13th holes and she went three down when Moffat saved her par from a bunker at the 15th and the Welsh veteran took three putts. Ever game, Thomas was conceded a birdie two at the 16th, but succumbed at the next when it was halved in bogey fives.

England lost the foursomes 2-1 to Ireland — for whom Eavan Higgins, 40 on Wednesday, was playing her hundredth match — but, as Linda Bayman, the England captain, said: "It's nothing we haven't experienced before." Her team rose to the challenge, winning five of the singles. They always had the edge, though the top three games went to the 18th.

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TENNIS: PARENTHOOD PROVIDES THE INSPIRATION FOR BRITAIN'S NEW ARRIVAL

Sapsford savours his feat of clay

BY ALIX RAMSAY

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Sapsford lunges for a forehand on his way to a straight-sets victory over Viloca at Bournemouth yesterday

IF ONLY the crowd — both of them — had known that they were witnessing a little bit of history. The windswept few who braved the elements on the South Coast saw Danny Sapsford and Greg Rusedski make their way into the quarter-finals of the Bournemouth International tennis tournament. It was the first time in 16 years that two British players had scaled such heights on the professional circuit, but the omens were still not good.

In 1980 Mark Cox, Robin Drysdale and Jonathan Smith made their way to the quarter-finals of the British hardcourt championships, again in Bournemouth, and failed to win a set between them. With Sapsford now facing Alberto Costa, and Rusedski playing Jason Stoltenberg, there is a distinct possibility that history could repeat itself.

Regardless of the outcome today, Sapsford will remember this week for many a long year. On Monday he became a father for the first time and yesterday he reached his first ATP Tour quarter-final by beating Juan Albert Viloca, of Spain, 7-5, 7-5. The timing has been perfect. After nine years on the circuit he has assured himself of a cheque worth more than £7,500, which should help with the Mothercare bills.

Not a bad result for a player who was not expecting a wild card to get into the tournament in the first place and one who classes clay among his least-favourite surfaces. Viloca did his bit to help his opponent's cause, however. Although he is ranked No 81 in the world — 100 places higher than Sapsford — he was not at his best. Hampered by a bad back, he could not hit the ball at full pace.

At only 5ft 9in, Sapsford is one of the smaller players on the tour. What he lacks in height, though, he more than makes up for in effort. Last year he fought his way through the lottery of qualifying to reach the main draw of nine tournaments, a better record than any other player. Given an easier path to Bournemouth, he was not going to waste it.

After so long earning his living on the bottom rungs of the tennis ladder, Sapsford is a little unused to the company at this level. "I don't even recognise half these guys," he said. "I know the names, but I wouldn't know them if they walked past me on the street." By the end of today he may know a lot more about Costa, the No 1 seed, who cruised past David Skoch, of the Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-1. "Each day on clay is an unknown for me," he said. "If you get off to a bad start then these true clay-courters will sweep you away."

That is something that Rusedski knows only too well. Yesterday he stumbled and stuttered in the opening games of his encounter with Daniel Orsanic, a very average player from Argentina, before cranking up his service to win 6-4, 6-4. By the time that Rusedski had started to hit a few aces, there was little chance that Orsanic was ever going to cause him any problems.

Unfortunately for Rusedski, Stoltenberg is unlikely to be such an easy target. He whistled past Guillermo Perez-Roldan, of Argentina, 6-1, 6-2. Rusedski it determined to take the initiative, however, preferring to make a few mistakes coming forward than be dominated from the back of the court.

On clay, that could leave him stranded between a rock and a hard place — or a sandy one at least.

BASKETBALL: NATIONAL TEAM WILL SUFFER AS LEADING PLAYERS MOVE TO CONTINENTAL SIDES

Influx of Americans irks England coach

BY NICHOLAS HARLING

THE sight of a host of extremely tall Americans wedging themselves into the cramped seats of trans-Atlantic flights throughout the summer may have had the baskestball authorities drooling. The arrival of those players represents a fringe benefit of the Bosman transfer ruling, which will raise the profile of the domestic game in Great Britain this season. One man, though, will lament the changing face of the sport.

Laszlo Nemeth, the England team coach, has good reason to be more distressed than most at the influx of players from the United States to English clubs, which, in turn, has released a dozen England internationals to foreign teams. Those players have departed not so much because they are talented but because they come cheap.

They will be employed by clubs in Italy, Spain, Greece, France, Portugal, and Germany, who will give them a few minutes, if that, of court-time every week. Accordingly, their play will hardly improve, certainly not to the extent that Nemeth might wish it.

Which means that the England team, whose chance of progress in the European championships was remote at best, will almost certainly fail. Even if the national coach does have at his disposal those players who have fled to the Continent, his squad will be augmented by home-based members whose clubs have not been able to afford them the court-time that they need because of the newly-arrived Americans.

"Every country should do its utmost to protect its own citizens," Nemeth said, "but I don't think we have done everything possible. This will have a bad effect on development and the performances of English players will suffer."

The dilemma that exists between Nemeth and the clubs was highlighted at a gathering in London last week. Yuri Matischen, the secretary of Sheffield Sharks, was regaling the England coach with news of his club's four Americans, including two newcomers. "I can never endorse it," Nemeth said.

"If we could have English players of the same standard, we'd get them in tomorrow," Matischen retorted.

What is certain, though, is that the crowds will rise, and Sky Television, the satellite company part owned by News International, owners of *The Times*, could wish for no greater plug for their weekly Sunday slot than the scores of soaring, dunking, and dribbling new Americans.

FOOTBALL

Waddle has chance to flower in Scotland

CHRIS WADDLE, the former England winger released by Sheffield Wednesday last week, seems to have found an unlikely new home with Falkirk, the struggling Bell's Scottish League first division team. Eamonn Bannon, the Falkirk manager, is likely to receive confirmation that his audacious move to take Waddle, the former Tottenham Hotspur and Newcastle United player, to Brockville has been successful.

Waddle, 35, who won 62 caps for England, could make his debut for Falkirk in the home game against Clydebank tomorrow. "I don't want to say too much at this stage because Chris has not yet signed the deal, but I am hopeful," Bannon said yesterday.

"He is coming here tonight to dot the Is and cross the Ts on a short-term contract. I think it would be an exciting move for the club to have a player of his quality."

Tony Fitzpatrick became the manager of St Mirren for the second time yesterday. Fitzpatrick, who had been in charge of the team from 1988 to 1991, had been acting as caretaker-manager of the first division club, but made the step up after an attempt to recruit Iain Munro, the former manager of Hamilton Academical, failed. Fitzpatrick was the popular choice among supporters to take over from Jimmy Bone, who resigned last month.

Paul McGrath, who has been unable to command a place in the Aston Villa defence this season, looks likely to find regular first-team football with Coventry City. McGrath, seeking to regain his place in the Ireland squad, is wanted by Ron Atkinson, the Coventry manager, to plug the gaps in a defence that has leaked 11 goals in the FA Carling Premiership this season.

McGrath lost his place to Steve Staunton at the start of this season and has been on the substitutes' bench for every game since. "The bottom line is that I have got to be playing regular club football," he said. "Although I'm 36, I feel I can play on for another season or two."

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Boston 4 Milwaukee 1 Cleveland 2 California 0, New York 7 Detroit 3, Baltimore 7 Chicago 6 Toronto 8 Texas 3, Kansas City 4 Seattle 2, Minnesota 7 Oakland 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York 3 Florida 1, Montreal 2 Chicago 1, San Francisco 4 St Louis 2; Colorado 6 Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 10 Houston 8 Los Angeles 3 Cincinnati 2; San Diego 8 Pittsburgh 7

BOWLS

BROADSTAIRS: Open tournament: Mixed pairs: Fourth round: M and R Terris bt M and M Green 20-10, E Beckley and J Bryan bt N and R Biddlecombe 21-15; E and A Brockwell bt B Shooter and C Wells 18-13, M Webster and F Dean bt E Jackson and A Morton 23-17; B Ansell and G Yandle bt E and P Wathen 24-14, C and L Hawton bt B and N Bishop 20-10 O Freeman and B Gilman bt E and N Wright 22-19, E Stebbings and D Briscoe bt J and K Wood 22-12

CRICKET

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: First day of three: Old Trafford: Warwickshire 321 (M A Wagh 71 M A Sheikh 64 not out, A Singh 53, G Keedy 6-95) v Lancashire **The Oval:** Glamorgan 255 (A J Dalton 68, N M Kendrick 61); Surrey 167-2 (J D Ratcliffe 65) **Trent Bridge:** Middlesex 363-7 dec (P E Wellings 171); Nottinghamshire 30-1 **Taunton:** Somerset 221 (J Batty 55, C Barker 51, H Sana 6-52) Essex 170-1 (D Robinson 102 not out) **Southampton:** Hampshire 215 (L J Botham 68, M Swarbrick 66, J Ormond 4-43), Leicestershire 163-1 (I J Sutcliffe 58, J M Dakin 57 not out)

FOOTBALL

EUROPEAN CUP WINNERS' CUP: First round, first leg: FC Vaduz (Liech) 0 Paris Saint-Germain (Fr) 4

SUPERCOPA: First round, first leg: River Plate (Arg) 2 Nacional Medellin (Col) 2; Independiente (Arg) 0 Flamengo (Br) 0; Boca Juniors (Arg) 1 Racing Club (Arg) 1.

Late results from Wednesday

EUROPEAN CUP CHAMPIONS' LEAGUE: Group A: Auxerre 0 Ajax 1. Grasshopper-Club Zurich 3 Rangers 0. **Group B:** Atletico Madrid 4 Steaua Bucharest 0. Borussia Dortmund 2 Widzew Lodz 1. **Group C:** Juventus 1 Manchester United 0; Rapid Vienna 1 Fenerbahçe 1. **Group D:** AC Milan 2 FC Porto 3; IFK Gothenburg 2 Rosenborg 3

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SOUTHERN JUNIOR FLOODLIT CUP: First round: Cambridge Utd 0 Tottenham 5.

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FA YOUTH CUP: Extra preliminary roun Sittingbourne 2 Dover 1 **Prelimina round:** Guisborough 1 Hartlepool 2, Mann 3 Warrington 1; Bilston 0 Nuneaton Lutterworth 1 Bromsgrove 1 Maldon Hornchurch 3; Wembley 1 Collier Row an Romford 0. Hillingdon 8 Hemel Hempstea 1. Sutton United 8 Hampton 2. Banstead Viking Sports 3, Hayes 1 Farnborough Staines 2 Kingstonian 2 Camberley Whitehawk 1; Portfield 0 Ashford Thatcham 1 Wokingham 7. Weymouth Havant 3 Mangotsfield 2 Worcester Ruislip Manor 1 Flackwell Heath Chipstead 1 Horne Bay 6. Bedford Town Royston 5

GOLF

MORAY: Men's home internationals: England 7½ Scotland 7½ (England name first) **Foursomes:** G Wolstenholme and Lucas halved with A Turnbull and C Hislop R Wiggins and M Reynard lost to B Howar and M Brooks 3 and 2, K Walbank and Fenton bt A Forsyth and R Beames 3 and M Carver and M Blackey bt C Watson and Thompson one hole, S Webster and Donald lost to S Young and S Mackenzie 3 **Singles:** W Bladon lost to Brooks 6 and 5 Wolstenholme bt Hislop 5-3, Wiggins b Howard two holes; Walbank lost to Young one hole, Lucas bt Forsyth 4 and 3, Carver lost to Mackenzie one hole, Fenton b Turnbull 2 and 1; Raynard lost to Watso two holes; Blackey lost to E Forbes on hole, Webster bt Beames 3 and 2

LONGNIDDRY, East Lothian: Women's home internationals: Scotland 5 Wales (Scotland names first) **Foursomes:** A Rose and H Monaghan lost to L Dermott and Morgan 1 hole; A Laing and S McMaste lost to D Richards and V Thomas 4 and 3, Melvin and L Nicholson lost to N Evans and K Stark 1 hole **Singles:** Laing bt Dermott and 1. M McKay bt P Chugg 3 and 2; Rose bt Morgan 3 and 2. Monaghan bt Evans 3 and 2, L Moffat bt Thomas 2 and 1 Nicholson lost to Richards 2 and 1 England 6 Ireland 3 (England names first) **Foursomes:** E Ratcliffe and K Stupples bt E R Power and S Fanagan 1 hole. F Brown and J Hockley lost to A Coffey and M McGreevy 3 and 1. E Fields and K Rostron lost to E Higgins and A O'Sullivan 2 and 1 **Singles:** Hockley bt B Hackett 1 hole Ratcliffe bt Power 1 hole. Brown lost to McGreevy 1 hole; R Hudson bt Fanagan 2 and 1: Rostron bt L Behan 3 and 2. Stupples bt Coffey 4 and 3

MOTOR RALLYING

MANX INTERNATIONAL RALLY: Leading positions (after 7 of 30 stages): 1, B Fisher (Co Fermanagh) Subaru Impreza 555, 47min 38sec; 2, A Schwarz (Monte Carlo) Toyota Celica GT4, 48:03. 3, S Jordan (Powys) Renault Maxi Megane, 48:20. 4 G Evans (Rouen) Ford Escort RS2000, 48:27. 5, M Higgins (Camo) Nissan Sunny Gti, 49:27.

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SAILING

ROUND BRITAIN CHALLENGE: Fourth leg (Newcastle to Cowes): 1, France 1; 2, England 2; 3, England 1 **Final overall positions:** 1, France, 2, Scotland, 3 England

SNOOKER

BANGKOK: Asian Classic (England unless stated): **Second round:** S Mazrocis bt K Burrows 5-1, B Morgan bt S Hendry (Scot) 5-3, K Doherty (Ire) bt D Harold 5-2, A McManus (Scot) bt G Wilkinson 5-4 **Quarter-finals:** Doherty bt Mazrocis 5-4

TENNIS

WEST HANTS TC: Bournemouth International Open: Second round: D Sapsford (GB) bt J-A Viloca (Sp) 7-5, 7-5; G Rusedski (GB) bt D Orsanic (Arg) 6-4, 6-4, A Costa (Sp) bt D Skoch (Cz) 6-4, 6-1, J Stoltenberg (Aus) bt G Perez-Roldan (Arg) 6-1, 6-2

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

This refresher is about suit handling.

Dealer East **Love all** **Rubber bridge**

North:
♠K 10 4 3
♥K
♦A K 6 4 2
♣K 6 5

West:
♠A 7
♥7 3
♦Q 10 7 3
♣Q 10 7 4 2

East:
♠J 9 8 5
♥J 6 5 4
♦J 9
♣J 8 3

South:
♠Q 6 2
♥A Q 10 9 8 2
♦8 5
♣A 9

W	N	E	S
-	-	Pass	1 H
Pass	2 D	Pass	2 H
Pass	2 S	Pass	2 NT
Pass	3 NT	All Pass	

Contract: 3 NT by South

Lead: Four of clubs

Correctly playing to preserve his sure entry to hand, declarer won the opening club lead with dummy's king. He cashed the king of hearts and followed with a low spade to the queen. This brought no joy when West won with the ace and led another club to clear the suit. Declarer next tested the hearts, but East proved to have the suit guarded and, as a result, the rest of South's hand effectively became consigned to the dustbin. There was still the chance of West holding the jack of spades, but when the finesse of the ten lost, East was able to cash his jack of hearts before returning a club to defeat the contract by two tricks.

Were you more "with it" than South, who first claimed that "Four Hearts would not make either" (which is blatantly untrue) and then that he could not possibly make 3 NT either? I suppose he had to look for some sort of alibi.

After winning with dummy's king of clubs, try the effect of leading the king of hearts, overtaking with the ace, and continuing the suit. Now, whatever happens, declarer has five hearts, two clubs, and two diamonds.

☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SUNT
a. All present
b. Nautical bilge
c. An acacia

SPOUCHER
a. An ME malingerer

STRANGULLION
a. A horse disease
b. A medieval washer-up
c. Ivy

STAMNOS
a. A stream
b. A pot
c. An Ionian island

KEENE on CHESS

BY RAYMOND KEENE
CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Donner Memorial

An important tournament has just finished in Amsterdam, the Donner Memorial, which honours Jan Hein Donner, one of Holland's top players who died of a brain haemorrhage in the 1980s. In a star-studded field, the surprise was that Granda Zuniga, the Peruvian grandmaster who was joint-winner in 1995, succeeded in emulating his performance in an even stronger field.

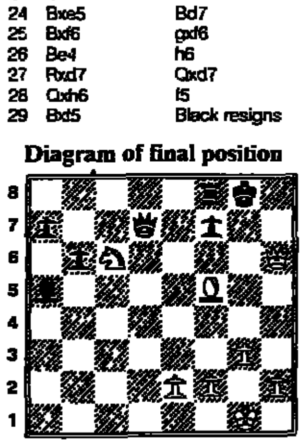
The following win, against the challenger for the Fide championship, was particularly elegant.

White: Granda Zuniga
Black: Gata Kamsky
Amsterdam, August 1996

Queen's Indian Defence

1	d4	Nf6
2	c4	e6
3	Nf3	b6
4	g3	Ba6
5	b3	Bb4+
6	Bd2	Be7
7	Bg2	c6
8	Bc3	d5
9	Nbd2	Nbd7
10	Rc1	0-0
11	Rc2	Rc8
12	0-0	c5
13	a4	cxd4
14	Nxd4	Nc5
15	Ba1	dxc4
16	b4	c3
17	Bxc3	Nxa4
18	Ba1	Bxb4
19	Rxc8	Bxc8
20	Qxa4	Bxd2
21	Nc6	Qe8
22	Rd1	Ba5
23	Qh4	e5
24	Bxe5	Bd7
25	Bxf6	gxf6
26	Be4	h6
27	Rxd7	Qxd7
28	Qxh6	f5
29	Bd5	Black resigns

Diagram of final position



☐ Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

DONNER MEMORIAL — Amsterdam, August 1996

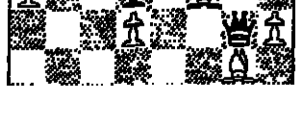
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
1 Granda Zuniga	—	½	1	1	1	½	0	0	1	½	½	1	7
2 Ivanchuk	½	—	½	½	½	½	1	½	½	1	½	7	7
3 Kamsky	0	½	—	½	½	1	1	1	0	0	1	½	6
4 De Firmian	0	½	½	—	½	1	½	½	0	1	½	1	6
5 Piket	0	½	½	½	—	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	6
6 Salov	½	½	0	0	½	—	1	½	1	1	0	½	5½
7 Hodgson	1	0	0	½	½	0	—	1	½	0	1	1	5½
8 Adianto	1	½	0	½	½	½	0	—	½	½	1	0	5
9 Van Wely	0	½	1	1	½	0	½	½	—	½	½	0	5
10 Sokolov	½	0	1	0	½	0	1	½	½	—	½	½	5
11 Timman	½	½	0	½	0	1	0	0	½	½	—	1	4½
12 Morozevich	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	1	1	½	0	—	3½

In the above table, 1 represents a win, ½ a draw and 0 a defeat

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is a variation from the game Keene — Basman, Hastings, 1966. Although White is a rook ahead, he has problems. Mate is threatened on h2 and 1. Kg1 Be3+; 2. Kh1 Bf4 leads to a draw, as does 1. Qg1 Be3; 2. Qf1 Bf4. However, he has a brilliant way to escape from these difficulties and capitalise on his extra material. Can



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DeFreitas revives Derbyshire's flagging campaign

By Simon Wilde

ERBY (first day of four: Warwick- ire won toss): Warwickshire, with e first-innings wickets in hand, e 111 runs behind Derbyshire

HEROIC spell of seam bowling Phillip DeFreitas may save erbyshire from being unceremoni- isly hoisted by their own petard in is match. Having ordered their voured green-top at the County round, Derbyshire, the title-chas- s, were dismissed in two sessions r 242 — jettisoning three precious bonus points in the process — and were obliged to operate with a three-man bowling attack after an injury to Dominic Cork that will probably rule him out of the rest of the season.

Other sides might have capitulated under such pressure, but not this Derbyshire one, and yesterday it was DeFreitas who rose to the occasion by bowling unchanged for more than two hours to take four wickets for 52 from 17 overs. All four fell in the space of six overs as Warwickshire collapsed, after a bright start by Moles and Knight, from 79 for no wicket to 115 for five. With 15 wickets falling in the day, the pitch will, routinely, be referred to Lord's.

Harris made the breakthrough when Moles chopped a ball into his stumps, but DeFreitas capitalised on the opening superbly. Neither Wasim Khan nor Burns was allowed to get his feet under the table and Knight — who was — fell two balls after reaching a typically assured half-century. An inswinger located Penney's inside edge to produce the fifth wicketkeeper's catch of the day.

These sides boast some of the most experienced and expert exponents of swing and seam bowling in the country, and, at one time or another, they all showed what they could do, but this spell of DeFreitas's was the best of the lot. It just claimed the honours ahead of the one from Brown either side of lunch, during which he displayed admirable control and aggression.

Brown may have a key role to play with the bat on the resumption today: he has certainly played an important part so far. He it was who sparked Derbyshire's afternoon collapse and he it was who struck Cork on the left shoulder with the second ball that he faced.

The ball rose sharply off a length but the blow was not entirely the fault of the pitch: Cork had, rather curiously, advanced down the pitch before "freezing" and not playing a stroke. He was to go down the pitch unsuccessfully more than once in his hour-long stay, during which he and Adams — who struck the ball majestically throughout his 80, the highest and best innings of the day — took some measure of revenge on Brown by hitting him out of the attack with a series of boundaries.

Once he was out, Cork's injury was X-rayed and a hairline fracture of the left humerus revealed, along with severe bruising to the shoulder. His arm is immobile and he is unlikely to regain much movement before the conclusion of this match.

Derbyshire had planned to field a five-man seam attack, but Dean, the left-armer, dislocated a finger in fielding practice and, by necessity, his place was given to Gul Khan, a batsman. Four bowlers should have been enough: three might yet be, if Malcolm and Harris bowl anything like DeFreitas did yesterday.

Maynard exposes limitations of Surrey's attack

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

'ARDIFF (first day of four: ;lamorgan won toss): Gla- iorgan have scored 351 for ine wickets against Surrey

:OME Monday evening, urrey may well be the only lub still capable of depriving eicestershire of the county hampionship, and even their rospects will be slim if this ;ame follows its signposted ourse. After losing the toss, n a bare, dusty pitch and gainst a side with superior pin bowling, they must bat pectacularly well today to etain hope of a vital win.

There will be a temptation or Surrey to feel persecuted y a surface slow enough to iegate their four seam owlers and hamper their trokemakers, but, realistical- y, they can have expected iothing else. Their shortage of pin bowling was brutally xposed, but they also did little o improve their day by field- ng sloppily, conceding four sets of overthrows to go with heir regular donation of no-balls and wides.

The Surrey of previous years might have betrayed themselves with drooping heads and hands on hips, but there is a more resolute spirit to this side. They remained busy, noisy and committed, or at least until the deflating final over when Parkin, the Glamorgan No 11, took ten runs from three successive long hops by Pearson.

Glamorgan upstaged Surrey last week by beating them to the signature of Waqar Younis, but there was a comeuppance when Ottis Gibson, the man to be replaced, declined to play yesterday. Gibson, the Bajan all-rounder, apparently offered no compelling reason, but has now probably played his last game for the club, which will not harm Surrey's cause in the Sunday league.

Matthew Maynard, having lost one battle, won the next and more important issue, the toss. Briefly, as James pulled Martin Bicknell to mid-on and Morris was surprised by a beauty from Lewis, it did not look quite such an obvious decision, but Maynard himself arrived to put the conditions in perspective.

There was dubious logic to selecting Maynard in England's Texaco Trophy team last month, for his limitations should be known by now, but he still rates high among batsmen one would gladly pay to watch. Scarcely had he arrived, the total a precarious 14 for two, than he was dispatching Julian for three fours in an over, each shot played with elegance and certainty.

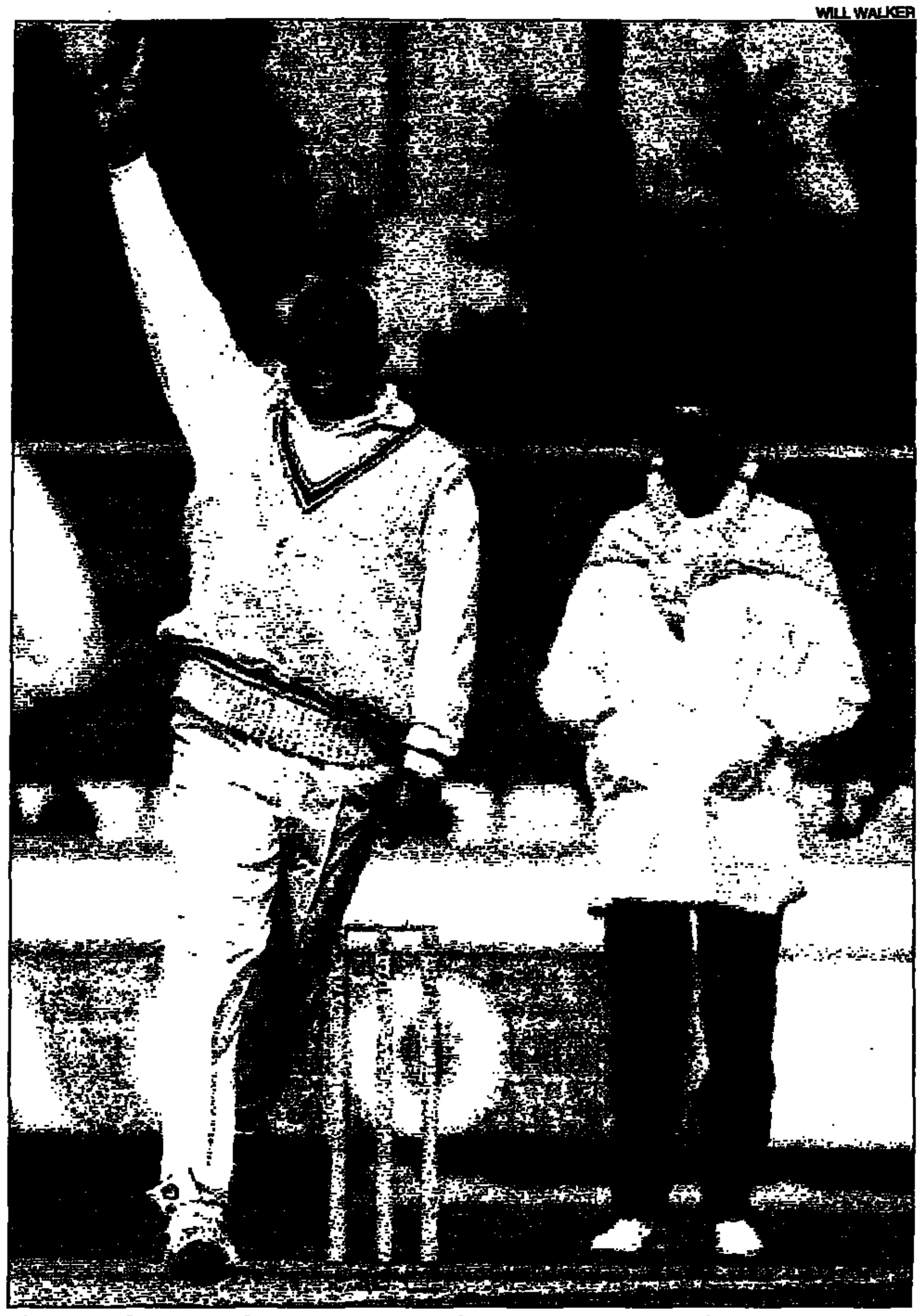
Stewart, his duties extended to keeping wicket because of a thumb injury to Kersey, tried five bowlers inside 75 minutes, but Maynard and Hemp were dashing along at five runs an over. Hemp has regressed since touring with England A two winters ago, but this was only his sixth championship innings since sustaining an injury in April, and he played with fluency until let down by lack of footwork.

It seemed nothing could prevent a century for Maynard; nothing, that is, other than Maynard's greatest enemy, himself. After hitting 13 fours and making 82 from only 120 balls, he was, as so often, a victim of his own impetuosity, pulling a short ball tamely to mid-on.

The entertainment subsided inevitably. Glamorgan were sustained by Dale's admirably patient 90 as they quietly acquired maximum batting points, but Surrey's dearth of suitable bowling was revealed in the need to give 15 overs to Darren Bicknell, whose part-time left-arm spin had, until this season, earned six expensive wickets in nine years.

Pearson, tall and with a good action, obtained little turn, but employed an effective change of pace to pick up two late wickets. Croft will be expected to do somewhat better than that today.

WILL WALKER



Simmons, of Leicestershire, celebrates one of his six wickets against Durham. Report, page 44

Hooper hits top form in spite of injury

By Pat Gibson

CANTERBURY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 376 for four wickets against Hampshire

KENT may be the outsiders of the five counties left in the race for the championship, but the white horse is still going to give the rest of them a run for their money judging by the way that they laid the foundation for victory over Hampshire.

Stroke-play was never going to be easy on a sluggish pitch, but Hooper, defying the pain of a damaged right thumb which is slowly losing its nail, showed what was possible with an innings of the highest class, and Ward, Llong, and Ealham took their cue from him.

Walker had already given Kent a brisk start with 30 out of the first 37 when Hooper went in to make the shivering spectators forget the autumnal chill by scoring 84 off 83 balls. His throbbing digit often persuaded him to withdraw the bottom hand, but he still contrived to hit two sixes and 14 fours.

Ward, Hooper's partner in a third-wicket partnership of 137 in only 112 minutes, completed 1,000 championship runs for the season on his way to 79, including a six and ten fours, and then Llong and Ealham achieved significant personal performances in an unbroken fifth-wicket stand of 127.

Llong, who got into the side only halfway through the season, completed his second century off 159 balls with 17 fours and a six, and Ealham reached his third first-class fifty this year from 82 balls with ten fours.

Between them, they took Kent towards what looks like a formidable total considering that the pitch is expected to get quicker and their attack is much more potent than Hampshire's. The fact that Mascarenhas, at 19, playing in only his second game and doing well to add two more wickets to the nine that he took on his debut, was their best bowler, tells its own story.

☐ Mark Taylor and Shane Warne, both doubtful because of injury, were named in the Australia party for the tour of India next month.

AUSTRALIA PARTY: M A Taylor (captain), I A Healy (vice-captain), M G Bevan, D W Fleming, J N Gillespie, B J Hogg, S G Law, G D McGrath, R T Ponting, P R Reiffel, M J Slater, S K Warne, M E Waugh, S R Waugh

IN BRIEF

Tyson set to lose title rather than face Lewis

MIKE TYSON has 11 days to make up his mind if he wants to keep the World Boxing Council (WBC) heavyweight title that he took from Frank Bruno (Srikumar Sen writes). If he does, he must agree to meet Lennox Lewis next or do a deal with him by September 24. Failure will force the WBC to strip him and ask Lewis and Oliver McCall to contest the title.

Lewis's team is already preparing to make their purse bid for the bout between their man and McCall. "The Lewis-Tyson fight is dead," Panos Eliades, Lewis's negotiator, said yesterday. Eliades claimed that Don King, Tyson's promoter, had offered Lewis a bout with Tyson in September 1997, but had not backed it with acceptable guarantees.

Scots fight back

Golf: Scotland produced four singles victories on the last green to earn an unlikely share of the honours with England, the defending champions, in the men's amateur home international championship at Moray, Lossiemouth. The 7½-7½ result throws the title race wide open.

The foursomes were tied at two matches apiece with one halved and when England won two of the first three afternoon games and seemed to be in pole position in the majority of others it had looked over.

Grove close

Table tennis: Grove, the Shropshire club that became one of the most successful in the history of the British game, has collapsed (Richard Eaton writes).

Unbeaten for five years in the British League until this season, and four times European Cup semi-finalists, Grove is about to withdraw from the British League and has already done so from the European Cup because of financial pressures. On Sunday its two leading players — Steve Ward, the Welsh champion, and Chris Oldfield, the England international — refused to play.

Doherty battles

Snooker: Ken Doherty, one of the main contenders for the Asian Classic title, was fully extended before he defeated Stefan Mazrocis, the world No 81, 5-4 in the quarter-finals in Bangkok yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Doherty, the No 7 seed, fell 4-1 behind but produced a four-frame winning sequence.

Powell call-up

Rugby league: Daryl Powell, the Keighley Cougars stand-off half, is the fifth player to be called up as a replacement in the Great Britain tour party, which departs next Friday for Papua New Guinea, Fiji and New Zealand. Powell, replaces Paul Newlove, of St Helens, who has a torn hamstring.

Essex submerged by Wells in full flow

By Ivo Tennant

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 361 for eight wickets against Essex

FOR Essex, left with two matches at Chelmsford as they seek to win the championship and to expunge their recollection of the NatWest final, this was not a propitious day. Alan Wells made his highest score of the season, 122, Ian Salisbury an unbeaten 69 and Sussex a total that belied their standing in the table.

There is no shortage of conjecture over what the future holds for Sussex and, in particular, for Wells. His batting may or may not have been affected by the problems that the county has had this season, but it has certainly been blighted one way or another. He averaged 33 runs per innings before this match, which is almost 20 fewer than last year. His effort yesterday did, though, take him past 1,000 championship runs for the season.

He was dropped just once, a sharp chance to Gooch at short mid-on off Such, but by then he had made 117. In the latter stages of his innings he contributed only 29 to a partnership of 76 with Salisbury, yet, for the most part, this was captivating batting on a pitch that offered a little spin. His driving against the quicker bowlers was particularly impressive, not least considering that this was only his second century of the season.

There were runs, too, for Lenham, whose half-century included seven fours. Such had him taken at silly point off his second ball, bowled Greenfield as he attempted to sweep and collected the wicket of Danny Law as well. Overall, though, whoever Prichard turned to had a struggle to beat the bat. Seven bowlers were tried in all, including Stuart Law, who arrived back in England a day too late to do anything about the debacle in the NatWest final.

Wells's century came off 152 balls and included a six and 15 fours. He was eventually out to Grayson, leg-before pushing forward, and was none too pleased about it. After that, Salisbury, who showed unerring judgment in his choice of which ball to hit, continued until the close. His innings contained ten fours and a six. He has yet to score a first-class century.

Jason Gallian's third championship century of the season — 113 in five hours — helped Lancashire to reach 337 for eight against Northamptonshire. Two other batsman, Mark Alleyne, of Gloucestershire, and Piran Holloway, of Somerset, scored their first hundreds of the season. Alleyne's 149 enabled his county to recover from 37 for four to 326 for nine, Tom Moody taking five for 66.

Silverwood caps memorable week

By Jack Bailey

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 24 runs behind Nottinghamshire

YORKSHIRE still have a chance of finishing high in the championship: Nottinghamshire have not, though they are hungrily eyeing the Sunday league. Yesterday it showed. Only Mathew Dowman, of the Nottinghamshire front-line batsmen, showed much relish for the fight as they were bowled out for 187.

Yorkshire's own ambitions were highlighted by an opening partnership of 96 between Moxon and Vaughan. They illustrated, as did Byas and McGrath after them, that there were plenty of runs in this pitch. Application and aggression went hand in hand as Nottinghamshire were almost overtaken by the close, and the Scarborough-born Byas moved some way towards his third century in a week.

Yorkshire bowled pretty well on a pitch occasionally freshened by sharp showers, but otherwise blameless. A strong, blustery wind helped and hindered. Everyone wanted to bowl with the gale. Because of this, Kettleborough was given his chance from the end that nobody else wanted, and at lively medium pace he removed Johnson and Cairns.

The day, though — indeed, the week — belonged to Chris Silverwood. Seven marvellous days have seen him elected young cricketer of the year and selected for England's tour. Yesterday he was presented with his county cap and picked up three good wickets.

It was Silverwood who started the Nottinghamshire slide. With the wind at his back, after Gough's opening burst, he was a different proposition from when he was battling into the teeth of it. Robinson and Pollard had moved along easily to 43 and Pollard had just taken three fours in an over from Hartley when Silverwood, bowling fast and straight, caught Robinson in front as he shuffled across. Two balls later, Archer attempted an ambitious cut and Blakey helped him on his way.

After that, Nottinghamshire were unable to stage a worthwhile recovery, well though Dowman stood his ground and elegantly though he struck the five fours that adorned his 44. Flashes of resistance there were, notably from Hart, making his championship debut, and Bowen. Then Gough moved in to mop up the tail, and Moxon and Vaughan emerged to make inroads with the clock standing at 3pm.

WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page *39*

SUNT

(c) A species of acacia, *Acacia arabica*, of northern Africa, or its wood. From the Arabic *sant*. "A man who lit a single branch of sunt (acacia), cooked his food for three successive days by it."

SPOUCHER

(c) A wooden vessel for baling out or conveying water: a water-scoop. From the Old Norman French *espuchoir* to drain, empty of water. "Fire water — fire a spoucher full."

STRANGULLION

(a) A disease of horses, characterised by inflammation and swelling of the glands of the throat. Also rarely, a similar disease in human beings, a quinsy. Connected with the popular Latin *strangulāre* to strangle.

STAMNOS

(b) A Greek pot or vessel, resembling a hydria, but with a shorter neck. The Greek name, ultimately from *histánai* to cause to stand. "On a stamnos of the more finished class, Medeia appears as before, holding up her hand."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

1. Qg1! Be3; 2. f6! Bxg1; 3. Be4+ Kh8; 4. Rc8+ Qg8; 5. Rxg8+ Kxg8; 6. Kxg1 and White wins.

YESTERDAY'S SCOREBOARDS

Britannic Assurance county championship

Kent v Hampshire

CANTERBURY (first day of four; Kent won toss): Kent have scored 376 for four wickets against Hampshire

KENT: First Innings

D P Fulton c Kendall b Stephenson	15
M J Walker lbw b Mascarenhas	30
T R Ward c and b Maru	79
C L Hooper c Maru b Mascarenhas	84
N J Llong not out	105
M A Ealham not out	54
Extras (lb 4, w 1, nb 4)	9
Total (4 wkts, 104 overs)	376

M V Fleming, *†S A Marsh, D W Headley, M J McCague and M M Patel to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-37, 2-50, 3-187, 4-249

BOWLING: Mascarenhas 23-4-94-2; Renshaw 18-3-76-0; Bovill 20-7-73-0; Stephenson 27-6-79-1; Maru 12-3-23-1; Whitaker 4-1-21-0

HAMPSHIRE: J S Laney, G W White, *J P Stephenson, R A Smith, W S Kendall, P R Whitaker, †A N Aymes, D A Mascarenhas, R J Maru, J N B Bovill, S J Renshaw

Bonus points: Kent 4 Hampshire 1

Umpires: R Julian and G Sharp

Yorkshire v Notts

SCARBOROUGH (first day of four; Yorkshire won toss): Yorkshire, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 24 runs behind Nottinghamshire

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE: First Innings

P R Pollard c Blakey b Hartley	26
R T Robinson lbw b Silverwood	23
G F Archer c Blakey b Silverwood	0
*P Johnson c White b Kettleborough	16
M P Dowman c Stemp b Silverwood	44
C L Cairns b Kettleborough	5
†W M Noon c Blakey b Gough	6
R T Bates lbw b Hartley	11
J P Hart not out	18
M N Bowen b Gough	15
J A Afford lbw b Gough	0
Extras (b 3, lb 8, nb 12)	23
Total (52.5 overs)	187

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-43, 2-43, 3-53, 4-76, 5-82, 6-116, 7-150, 8-154, 9-187.

BOWLING: Gough 11.5-3-26-3; Silverwood 13-1-55-3; Hartley 17-3-65-2; Kettleborough 10-1-26-2; Stemp 1-0-4-0.

YORKSHIRE: First Innings

M D Moxon b Cairns	42
M P Vaughan c Johnson b Cairns	37
*D Byas not out	33
A McGrath not out	29
Extras (b 3, lb 5, nb 24)	32
Total (2 wkts, 45 overs)	163

R A Kettleborough, C White, †R J Blakey, D Gough, P J Hartley, C E W Silverwood and R D Stemp to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-96, 2-113.

BOWLING: Cairns 14-2-57-2; Bowen 11-1-41-0; Hart 10-4-29-0; Bates 8-3-20-0; Dowman 2-1-8-0

Bonus points: Yorks 4 Notts 0

Umpires: J W Holder and P Willey

Derbyshire v Warwickshire

DERBY (first day of four; Warwickshire won toss): Warwickshire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 111 runs behind Derbyshire

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

K J Barnett c Piper b Welch	27
A S Rollins lbw b Brown	27
C J Adams b Small	80
*D M Jones lbw b Munton	9
T J G O'Gorman c Knight b Brown	4
G A Khan c Piper b Brown	0
D G Cork c Knight b Small	23
†K M Krikken not out	32
P A J DeFreitas c Piper b Welch	0
A J Harris c Penney b Small	2
D E Malcolm b Welch	13
Extras (b 2, lb 11, w 4, nb 2)	19
Total (69.5 overs)	242

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-53, 2-73, 3-126, 4-133, 5-135, 6-184, 7-195, 8-196, 9-203

BOWLING: Small 18-6-41-3; Munton 13-5-57-1; Welch 17.5-2-62-3; Brown 15-5-69-3

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings

N V Knight c Krikken b DeFreitas	54
A J Moles b Harris	28
W G Khan lbw b DeFreitas	1
M Burns b DeFreitas	0
T L Penney c Krikken b DeFreitas	12
D R Brown not out	19
†K J Piper not out	5
Extras (lb 4, nb 8)	12
Total (5 wkts, 34.3 overs)	131

G C Small, A F Giles, G Welch and *T A Munton to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-79, 2-88, 3-93, 4-96, 5-115

BOWLING: Malcolm 4-0-28-0; DeFreitas 17-5-52-4; Harris 13.3-2-47-1

Bonus points: Derbyshire 3 Warwickshire 4

Umpires: M J Kitchen and B Leadbeater

Essex v Sussex

CHELMSFORD (first day of four; Sussex won toss): Sussex have scored 361 for eight wickets against Essex

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Grayson b Such	55
C W J Athey lbw b Cowan	6
K Greenfield b Such	36
*A P Wells lbw b Grayson	122
K Newell b Irani	11
V C Drakes run out	19
†P Moores c Gooch b Law	13
I D K Salisbury not out	69
D R Law c Cowan b Such	0
N C Phillips not out	15
Extras (lb 15)	15
Total (8 wkts, 100 overs)	361

R J Kirtley to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-95, 3-112, 4-135, 5-183, 6-248, 7-324, 8-329

BOWLING: Ilott 12-1-52-0; Cowan 15-2-57-1; Irani 18-3-61-1; Andrew 14-5-45-0; Such 28-6-95-3; Law 5-0-17-1; Grayson 8-1-19-1

ESSEX: G A Gooch, A P Grayson, N Hussain, S G Law, *P J Prichard, R C Irani, †R J Rollins, M C Ilott, A P Cowan, S J W Andrew, P M Such

Bonus points: Essex 3 Sussex 4

Umpires: J H Harris and A G T Whitehead

Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

WORCESTER (first day of four; Gloucestershire won toss): Gloucestershire have scored 326 for nine wickets against Worcestershire

GLOUCESTERSHIRE: First Innings

D R Hewson c Rhodes b Moody	5
M G N Windows b Shoryar	0
A Symonds lbw b Shoryar	11
R I Dawson c Hick b Moody	0
M A Lynch c Rhodes b Moody	70
M W Alleyne lbw b Leatherdale	149
†R C Russell c Lampitt b Moody	29
R P Davis st Rhodes b Solanki	7
A M Smith c Hick b Moody	30
M C J Ball not out	0
Extras (b 4, lb 3, nb 18)	25
Total (9 wkts, 110.5 overs)	326

*C A Walsh to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-5, 2-11, 3-13, 4-37, 5-119, 6-189, 7-237, 8-326, 9-326

BOWLING: Shoryar 13-1-52-2; Moody 33.5-15-66-5; Lampitt 21-4-79-0; Leatherdale 12-3-47-1; Illingworth 19-6-52-0; Solanki 12-7-23-1.

WORCESTERSHIRE: W P C Weston, T S Curtis, *T M Moody, G A Hick, K R Spiring, V S Solanki, D A Leatherdale, †S J Rhodes, S R Lampitt, R K Illingworth, A Shoryar

Bonus points: Worcestershire 4 Gloucs 3

Umpires: J H Hampshire and R Palmer

Glamorgan v Surrey

CARDIFF (first day of four; Glamorgan won toss): Glamorgan have scored 351 for nine wickets against Surrey

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

S P James c D J Bicknell b M P Bicknell	4
H Morris c Stewart b Lewis	6
D L Hemp lbw b M P Bicknell	47
*M P Maynard c Pearson b Benjamin	82
P A Cottey lbw b D J Bicknell	25
A Dale b Pearson	90
†A D Shaw b Benjamin	19
R D B Croft b Pearson	25
D A Cosker lbw b Julian	0
S L Watkin not out	3
O T Parkin not out	10
Extras (lb 3, w 5, nb 32)	40
Total (9 wkts, 105 overs)	351

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-14, 2-14, 3-123, 4-168, 5-208, 6-279, 7-317, 8-322, 9-336

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 16-6-45-2; Lewis 18-2-83-1; Julian 15-3-54-1; Benjamin 20-4-53-2; Pearson 21-6-59-2; D J Bicknell 15-0-54-1

SURREY: D J Bicknell, M A Butcher, *†A J Stewart, G P Thorpe, N Shahid, A J Hollioake, C C Lewis, B P Julian, J E Benjamin, M P Bicknell, R M Pearson

Bonus points: Glamorgan 4 Surrey 4

Umpires: J C Balderstone and A Clarkson

Middlesex v Somerset

UXBRIDGE (first day of four; Somerset won toss): Somerset have scored 289 for five wickets against Middlesex

SOMERSET: First Innings

*P D Bowler c Shah b Fraser	12
M E Trescothick c Brown b Tufnell	27
P C L Holloway not out	109
R J Harden c Brown b Hewitt	20
K A Parsons c Dutch b Johnson	72
S Lee b Dutch	44
A C Cottam not out	3
Extras (b 1, lb 1)	2
Total (5 wkts, 108 overs)	289

†R J Turner, J I D Kerr, A R Caddick and K J Shine to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-26, 2-42, 3-77, 4-207, 5-283.

BOWLING: Fraser 21-4-67-1; Johnson 19-5-59-1; Hewitt 17-4-65-1; Tufnell 36-14-75-1; Weekes 11-2-20-0; Dutch 2-1-1-1

MIDDLESEX: P N Weekes, J C Pooley, M R Ramprakash, *M W Gatting, O A Shah, †K R Brown, K P Dutch, J P Hewitt, R L Johnson, P C R Tufnell, A R C Fraser.

Bonus points: Middlesex 2 Somerset 2

Umpires: H D Bird and K J Lyons

Northamptonshire v Lancashire

NORTHAMPTON (first day of four; Lancashire won toss): Lancashire have scored 337 for eight wickets against Northamptonshire

LANCASHIRE: First Innings

S P Titchard c T M B Bailey b Taylor	0
J E R Gallian b Taylor	113
J P Crawley c Loye b Innes	46
N H Fairbrother c T M B Bailey b Taylor	9
G D Lloyd b Penberthy	17
*M Watkinson c Curran b Snape	46
†W K Hegg b Innes	28
G Chapple lbw b Innes	30
G Yates not out	16
R J Green not out	8
Extras (b 9, lb 9, w 2, nb 4)	24
Total (8 wkts, 104 overs)	337

P J Martin to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-88, 3-110, 4-143, 5-222, 6-266, 7-303, 8-316

BOWLING: Taylor 24-5-86-3; Hughes 18-3-72-0; Penberthy 14-4-49-1; Snape 26-6-75-1; Innes 19-2-50-3; R J Bailey 3-0-8-0.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: K J Innes, M B Loye, *R J Bailey, K M Curran, T C Walton, A L Penberthy, R J Warren, J N Snape, J G Hughes, J P Taylor, †T M B Bailey

Bonus points: Northamptonshire 3 Lancashire 3

Umpires: V A Holder and K E Palmer

TODAY'S FIXTURES

CRICKET

Britannic Assurance county championship

10.30, second day of four

104 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Warwickshire

CHESTER-LE-STREET: Durham v Leicestershire

CHELMSFORD: Essex v Sussex

CARDIFF: Glamorgan v Surrey

CANTERBURY: Kent v Hampshire

UXBRIDGE: Middlesex v Somerset

NORTHAMPTON: Northamptonshire v Lancashire

WORCESTER: Worcestershire v Gloucestershire

SCARBOROUGH: Yorkshire v Nottinghamshire

SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Final day of three: **Chesterfield:** Derbyshire v Kent. **Southampton:** Hampshire v Leicestershire. **Old Trafford:** Lancashire v Warwickshire. **Trent Bridge:** Nottinghamshire v Middlesex. **Taunton:** Somerset v Essex. **The Oval:** Surrey v Glamorgan. **Hove:** Sussex v Yorkshire

FOOTBALL

Nationwide League

First division

Huddersfield v Oldham (7.45)

LEAGUE OF WALES: Cwmbran v Llansantffraid (7.45)

FAI HARP LAGER NATIONAL LEAGUE (7.45): Premier division: Bohemians v St Patrick's; Dundalk v Derry; Shamrock v Bray

SCHOOLS MATCH: Inter Town Challenge, Huddersfield v Oldham

OTHER SPORT

GOLF: Men's home internationals (Moray). Women's home internationals (Longniddry, East Lothian). Wilkinson Sword Ladies English Open (The Oxfordshire).

RUGBY LEAGUE: National Conference League: Premier division: Leigh Miners Welfare v Wigan St Patrick's (7.30)

SPEEDWAY: Premier League: Oxford v London (7.30). Speedway Star Cup: Quarter-final replay, second leg: Belle Vue v Wolverhampton (7.30). Semi-final, first leg: Peterborough v Exeter (7.30). Conference League: Arena Essex v Mildenhall (8.0)

TENNIS: ATP Tour event (Bournemouth)

Zimbabwe made to struggle

COLOMBO (second day of five): Zimbabwe, with four first-innings wickets in hand, are 244 runs behind Sri Lanka

ZIMBABWE were struggling at 105 for six in reply to Sri Lanka's 349 at the close of the second day's play in the first Test yesterday.

Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg-spinner, brought the Sri Lanka innings to a shuddering halt with three wickets in four balls after the home side had resumed at 290 for seven.

SRI LANKA: First Innings

R S Mahanama lbw b Streak	4
S T Jayasuriya c Evans b Olonga	0
A P Gurusinha c Olonga b Strang	52
P A de Silva b Strang	35
H P Tillekeratne c A Flower b Olonga	20
*A Ranatunga lbw b Streak	75
†R S Kaluwitharana c and b Streak	71
H D P K Dharmasena not out	42
W P U J C Vaas b Strang	34
M Muralitharan b Strang	0
K J Silva c and b Strang	0
Extras (lb 6, w 1, nb 9)	16
Total	349

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-4, 2-4, 3-53, 4-105, 5-128, 6-271, 7-272, 8-345, 9-349

BOWLING: Streak 20-6-54-3; Olonga 17-3-57-2; G J Whittall 12-1-43-0; Strang 34.3-3-106-5; A R Whittall 13-3-40-0; Evans 6-0-27-0; G W Flower 4-1-16-0

ZIMBABWE: First Innings

G W Flower c Kaluwitharana b Vaas	0
M H Dekker lbw b Vaas	10
*A D R Campbell c Mahanama b Vaas	12
†A Flower c Ranatunga b Dharmasena	2
G J Whittall lbw b Silva	39
C B Wishart not out	31
H K Olonga c Tillekeratne b Muralitharan	1
C N Evans not out	0
Extras (b 2, lb 3, nb 3, w 2)	10
Total (6 wkts)	105

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-15, 3-21, 4-45, 5-103, 6-105

P A Strang, H H Streak and A R Whittall to bat

BOWLING: Vaas 15-2-45-3; Gurusinha 3-1-3-0; Dharmasena 8-2-23-1; Muralitharan 16-6-19-1; Silva 12-7-10-1.

Umpires: S A Bucknor (West Indies) and B C Cooray (Sri Lanka)

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RACING: RESOLUTE GALLOPER COMPLETES DONCASTER CUP DOUBLE IN RECORD TIME

Double Trigger fires stayers' debate

By Richard Evans, Racing Correspondent

HE HAS one foot made up largely of plastic and spends more time in a swimming pool than on the gallops, but that did not stop Double Trigger running faster yesterday than any horse in the 195-year history of the Doncaster Cup. — and prompting a debate as to his ranking.

After beating Celeric by two lengths in a time which lowered the course record by a remarkable 2.6sec, David Morley, trainer of the runner-up, was categoric. "He's the best stayer in the world, without any question."

Many of those who rushed to the winner's enclosure to see *Frankie Dettori*, arm raised high but with a finger pointing downwards to Double Trigger, would concur. However, the official handicapper, whose ratings reflect his view of a horse's ability, disagrees — and that irks Mark Johnston, his trainer.

"It's an absolute disgrace. The handicapper rates him one of the worst Gold Cup winners in the last ten years and we all know he is one of the best in the last 30 years. He has him rated on 119, but Trigger deserves to be 126." the Middleham trainer said.

The argument over Double Trigger's ranking within the heavyweight stayers' division will continue, but few would deny his second consecutive victory in the Doncaster Cup was extraordinary, given the way his right fore hoof virtually crumbled away to nothing earlier this season.

Having ripped a shoe off the hoof three times, including during the Ascot Gold Cup, there was precious little left on which to nail racing plates. An enforced three-month absence has enabled the hoof to regrow to a certain extent, while DIY filler has completed the task. "It's more plastic than hoof, but the nails are into the horn, which makes the difference." Johnston said.

With Jason Weaver, who normally rides Double Trigger, suspended, Dettori picked up the reins. And what a peach of a ride the champion jockey gave the five-year-old. Setting the pace, Dettori gradually increased the tempo and half a mile out backers of the even money favourite were calculating their winnings.

The first two home are entered for the Melbourne Cup in which Double Trigger has to give Celeric 11lb, as opposed to the 7lb yesterday. Johnston believes the journey is unlikely unless a sponsor materialises soon, and a visit to France for the Prix du Cadran is more likely.

Celeric has been allotted 8st 9lb for Australia's best-known race and is undoubtedly fairly treated. Christopher Spence, his owner-breeder, and Morley will ponder whether to spend the best part of £70,000 on flying horse and connections to Australia. Given their intention to aim Celeric for the cup races next season, I suspect he will finish this campaign with the Jockey Club Cup at Newmarket.

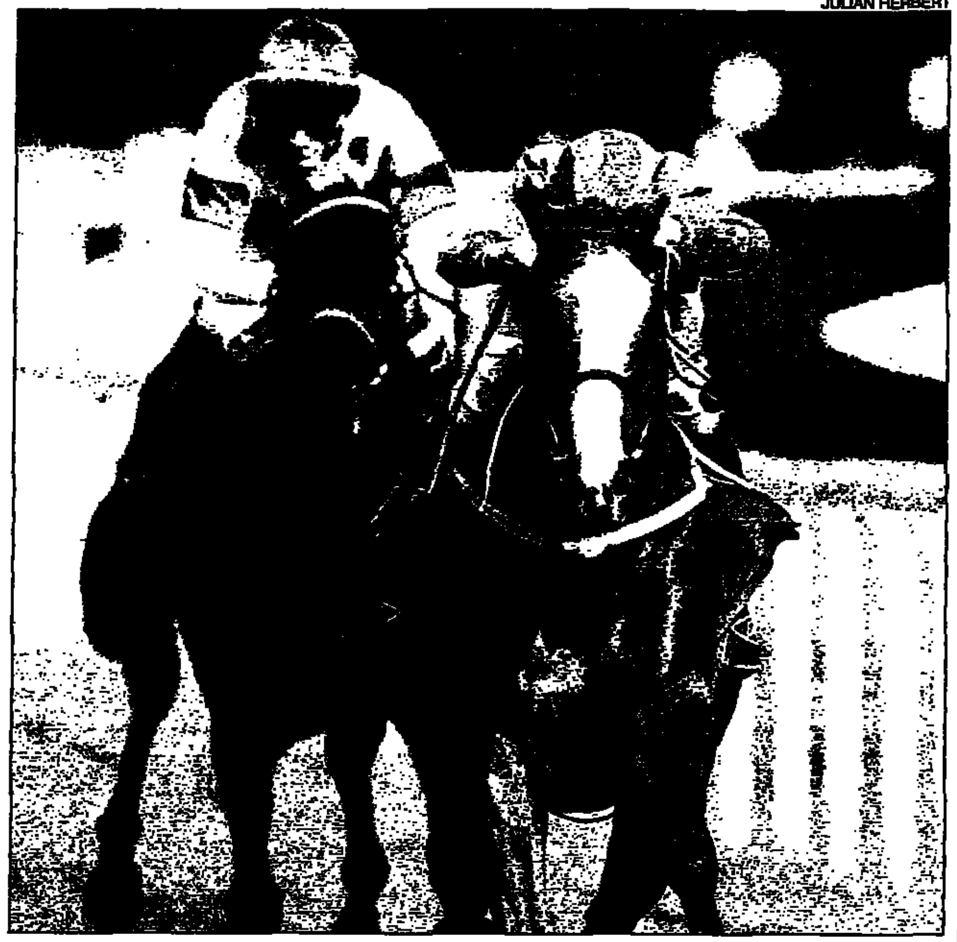
Henry Cecil arrived back from the Keeneland Sales yesterday morning before heading to Doncaster to saddle the winner of the May Hill Stakes for the tenth time. Seven of those victories have come inside the past decade and, judging from the reaction of bookmakers, Reams Of Verse rates among the best. Coral makes her 10-1 for the 1,000 Guineas next year.

RICHARD EVANS

Nap: FLIRTING AROUND
(1.30 Doncaster)

Next best: Ali-Royal
(4.40 Doncaster)

JULIAN HERBERT



Double Trigger draws clear to complete a double in the Doncaster Cup yesterday

Bahhare to make classic point

DONCASTER
CHANNEL 4

2.35: Storm Trooper is the logical choice judged on his last two efforts, when third to St Mawes over too long a trip at Goodwood and when unable to hold the winning burst of Annus Mirabilis at Windsor (Prince Of My Heart behind). Wijara is a battler who appreciates some give in the ground and rates the danger.

3.05: Busy Flight appreciated the soft ground at Ripon when opening his account but he may not be so effective on this faster surface. Minds Music, runner-up in the St Leger last year, has not progressed as expected. Bal Harbour has proved consistent over ten furlongs this term, but preference is for **Kalabo**, who appeared not to stay two miles in the Goodwood Cup and is better judged on earlier victories at Newmarket and Chester.

3.35: In a race which should offer the best guide so far to next season's 2,000 Guineas, it is a case of choosing between the hype and the form book. Gay Kelleway is convinced her Ascot winner, Musheer, is the best horse she has trained. The form book says he must improve considerably to pose a threat to **Bahhare**, whose two easy victories arguably make him the best two-year-old colt seen this season. None of his rivals can be ruled out of it, notably Reliquary, who won in a fast time at Haydock, and Revoque.

4.10: Kira looks sure to run well as she is drawn high where the pace is likely to develop. She found six furlongs too far at Pontefract but is weighted to reverse Thirsk form with Oatey. Others for the short-list include Surprise Mission, a course and distance winner, and Sing With The Band.

RICHARD EVANS

TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

GOODWOOD
BBC2

2.40: Falkenham can compensate for his narrow defeat by Brave Act, when Hello trailed home a well-beaten fourth. Double Park, a solid nursery type, was exposed when raised in class at Deauville. In this small field, she rates a bigger danger than Blue River.

3.10: North Song thrives from the front but must do plenty of running from stall 17. At these weights, Autumn Cover, Orsay and Fionn De Cool are closely matched on their encounter here last month. Hoh Express and Conspicuous, the latter a course specialist, appear too high in the handicap while Night Wink, a recent course and distance winner, is inconsistent. A strong gallop will suit Panata but **Ron's Secret** is allowed 5lb for a three-length defeat and has since run well at Ripon.

3.40: King Of Peru has claims on his victory over course and distance in May, but the one to beat is **Russian Music**. He holds Lonely Leader on their recent Salisbury encounter and receives a useful 4lb from Polar Prince. The latter ran well in a competitive York event last time and remains on the upgrade. Silver Prey is an interesting runner. He had Polar Prince in arrears on both his starts last term and would go close if fit after a long absence.

JULIAN MUSCAT

GOODWOOD

THUNDERER

2.10 Petrel
2.40 Falkenham
3.10 North Song
3.40 **KING OF PERU** (nap)
4.15 Narbonne
4.50 Alambar
5.20 Kumait

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.10 **BURLINGTON HOUSE.**

GOING: GOOD (GOOD TO FIRM ON ROUND COURSE) SIS
DRAW: NO ADVANTAGE

2.10 EYDON HALL FARM MACMILLAN NURSES NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £4,854: 7f) (11 runners)

1	(1)	351551	BURLINGTON HOUSE 10 (G) (R Green (Fine Paintings)) P Cole 9-8 (7ex)	T Quinn	⊛
2	(8)	0616	DICKIE BIRD 24 (CD,F) (G Teo) R Hannon 9-7	Dane O'Neill	91
3	(7)	014	RIGHT TUNE 21 (D,BF,F) (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-6	W Ryan	92
4	(11)	0331	SALTY JACK 29 (F) (Salts Of The Earth) S Dow 9-6	A Daly (5)	88
5	(3)	331	BRANDON JACK 19 (S) (R Michaelson) I Balding 9-3	R Cochrane	89
6	(2)	240	EATON PARK 93 (The Money Men) R Akehurst 9-2	S Sanders	83
7	(6)	310	CASPIAN MORN 27 (F) (P Nabavi) A Jarvis 9-1	J Tate	90
8	(5)	03464	SUPERCHARMER 10 (Dayspring Co Ltd) C Brittain 9-0	R Hills	90
9	(9)	230462	BOLD ORIENTAL 9 (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-12	D Griffiths (5)	97
10	(10)	065	PETREL 15 (V) (The Queen) Lord Huntingdon 8-6	D Harrison	85
11	(4)	335036	RUSSIAN SABLE 7 (C,G) (T Cunningham) M Channon 8-5	C Rutter	93

BETTING: 7-2 Brandon Jack, 4-1 Burlington House, 5-1 Right Tune, Dickie Bird, 7-1 Salty Jack, Bold Oriental, 8-1 Petrel, 10-1 others

1995: ALZANTI 8-10 Dane O'Neill (3-1 fav) P Cole 10 ran

2.40 BELLWAY HOMES STARDOM STAKES
BBC2

(Listed race: 2-Y-O: £12,679: 1m) (5 runners)

1	(2)	5411	BLUE RIVER 21 (D,F,S) (M Legg) T Mills 8-11	J Carroll	89
2	(5)	112	FALKENHAM 14 (C,F,S) (T Hely-Hutchinson) P Cole 8-11	T Quinn	⊛
3	(3)	1524	HELLO 14 (G) (P Wroughton) J Dunlop 8-11	W Ryan	93
4	(4)	222110	DOUBLE PARK 20 (C,F) (The 3rd Middleham Pnrs) M Johnston 8-6	T Williams	94
5	(1)	614	LADY MAIL 34 (F) (G Coull) J Eustace 8-6	R Cochrane	87

BETTING: 2-1 Falkenham, 3-1 Double Park, 7-2 Hello, Lady Mail, 9-2 Blue River

1995: BONARELLI 8-11 W R Swinburn (9-4) M Stoute 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

BLUE RIVER beat Lady Godiva 1¾l in an 8-runner nursery at Newmarket (1m, good to soft). FALKENHAM short-head 2nd of 7 to Brave Act in the group III Solario Stakes at Sandown (7f, good) with HELLO 3¼l 4th. HELLO short-head 2nd of 5 to Imperial President in a conditions race at Newbury (7f, good to firm). DOUBLE PARK beat Falls O'Moness 2l in an 8-runner nursery here (7f, good to firm). LADY MAIL 2¾l 4th of 10 to Catwalk in a listed race at Newmarket (7f, good to firm)
Selection: FALKENHAM (nap)

3.10 SCHRODER INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT HANDICAP
BBC2

(£14,726: 1m 1f) (17 runners)

1	(2)	830203	HOH EXPRESS 14 (G) (D Allport) I Balding 4-10-0	R Cochrane	91
2	(5)	040241	KAYVEE 19 (F,G,S) (J Richmond-Watson) G Harwood 7-9-11	A Clark	94
3	(9)	110-240	SAYEH 83 (F,G,S) (H Al Maktoum) W Hern 4-9-11	W Ryan	89
4	(17)	211232	NORTH SONG 22 (CD,BF,F,S) (J Gosden) J Gosden 3-9-4	G Hind	94
5	(14)	043401	CONSPICUOUS 19 (CD,F,G) (Mrs J Hopkins) L Cottrell 6-9-0	J Quinn	97
6	(6)	066600	KI CHI SAGA 17 (G,S) (B Andersson) J Dunlop 4-8-12	G Carter	91
7	(7)	21-1142	HILAALA 20 (CD,F,S) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-9	R Hills	95
8	(8)	0/1-23	ORSAY 20 (BF,G) (D Deer) W Muir 4-8-8	T Quinn	94
9	(15)	0521	ROYAL RESULT 42 (F) (Mana Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-8	M Fenton	90
10	(13)	001051	NIGHT WINK 20 (CD,F,G) (Mrs D Benjamin) G L Moore 4-8-8	S Whitworth	⊛
11	(12)	5111	PANATA 44 (CD,F) (Mrs A Silver) L Cumani 3-8-8	O Urbina	92
12	(3)	50-6600	MENAS GOLD 19 (C,F,G) (T Mountain) S Dow 4-8-8	A Daly (5)	89
13	(16)	3211-10	ROMAN GOLD 146 (G) (G Teo) R Hannon 3-8-7	Dane O'Neill	90
14	(4)	304004	CZARNA 29 (S) (Mrs S Collins) C Britain 5-8-6	J Carroll	93
15	(11)	000054	RON'S SECRET 27 (B,CD,BF,F,G) (R Davey) J Payne 4-8-1	S Sanders	90
16	(1)	410210	AUTUMN COVER 18 (C,F) (G Alexander) P Hedger 4-8-0	D Biggs	90
17	(10)	000435	FIONN DE COOL 21 (BF,F) (R Kilby) R Akehurst 5-7-13	D O'Shea	91

BETTING: 9-2 Panata, 6-1 North Song, 7-1 Conspicuous, 8-1 Ron's Secret, Royal Result, 10-1 Orsay, 12-1 Hilaala, 14-1 Hoh Express, Fionn De Cool, 16-1 others.

1995: CONSPICUOUS 5-8-2 J Quinn (7-1) L Cottrell 14 ran

FORM FOCUS

KAYVEE beat Bonarelli neck in 5-runner conditions race at Nottingham (1m, good to soft). CONSPICUOUS beat Mad For Baileys 3l in 7-runner rating related stakes over course and distance (good). HILAALA head 2nd of 11 to Admirals Flame in handicap at Windsor (1m 67yd, soft) with ORSAY (5lb better off) 3l 3rd. ROYAL RESULT beat Varadium Ore ¾l in 7-runner maiden at Thirsk (1m, good to firm). NIGHT WINK beat Pay Homage ¾l in 11-runner handicap over course and distance (good). PANATA beat Iberian Dancer 1l in 11-runner handicap over course and distance (good to firm) with RON'S SECRET (5lb better off) 2¾l 5th.
Selection: NIGHT WINK

3.40 BMW 3 SERIES TROPHY CONDITIONS STAKES
BBC2

(3-Y-O: £6,396: 7f) (8 runners)

1	(7)	351016	POLAR PRINCE 22 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Stevenson) M Jarvis 9-5	R Cochrane	95
2	(3)	2-22014	CIVIL LIBERTY 25 (B,F) (Midcourts) G Lewis 9-1	W Ryan	83
3	(2)	3-14	LONELY LEADER 29 (D,F) (S Suhail) R Hannon 9-1	Dane O'Neill	91
4	(8)	233222	RUSSIAN MUSIC 18 (D,F) (Seventh Heaven Ptnrs) Miss G Kelleway 9-1	T Quinn	96
5	(5)	002100	LILLI CLAIRE 29 (CD,F,G) (C Leslie) A Foster 9-0	C Adamson (5)	83
6	(4)	55-D000	DOVEBRACE 9 (B,F,G) (D Jones) A Bailey 8-12	S Sanders	82
7	(6)	301000	KING OF PERU 29 (CD,F,G) (L Fust) A Jarvis 8-12	S Drowne	⊛
8	(1)	31-	SILVER PREY 398 (D,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) E Dunlop 8-12	G Carter	85

BETTING: 11-4 Polar Prince, 3-1 Russian Music, 4-1 Dovebrace, 5-1 Lonely Leader, 7-1 Civil Liberty, Silver Prey, 10-1 others

1995: INZAR 9-8 T Quinn (15-8 fav) P Cole 5 ran

FORM FOCUS

POLAR PRINCE beat Prince Babar ¾l in a 14-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good to firm). LONELY LEADER beat Present Generation 2½l in an 8-runner maiden at Chepstow (7f, good to firm). RUSSIAN MUSIC 2l 2nd of 6 to Wizard King in a conditions race at Chepstow (7f, good). Previously 2½l 2nd of 8 to Wizard King in a conditions race at Salisbury (7f, good to firm) with LONELY LEADER 1¾l 4th. LILLI CLAIRE beat Miss Riviera 1¼l in a 10-runner handicap at Newmarket (7f, good). SILVER PREY beat Reinhardt short-head in a 22-runner maiden at Newbury (7f, good to firm).
Selection: RUSSIAN MUSIC

4.15 WEATHERBYS HANDICAP (£4,793: 1m) (21 runners)

1	(7)	000100	ARTFUL DANE 8 (D,F) (S Lansdown Racing) M Heaton-Ellis 4-9-13	A Clark	97
2	(9)	055050	CLASSY CHIEF 15 (K Sturgis) R Boss 3-9-13	J Carroll	86
3	(8)	133264	DUELLO 9 (D,S) (H Promotions Ltd) M Blanshard 5-9-12	R Cochrane	98
4	(5)	324-200	YOXALL LODGE 66 (S) (Miss A Featherstone) H Collingridge 6-9-10	M Rimmer	90
5	(15)	403316	ASHBY HILL 13 (F,S) (Miss M Tuthill) R Rowe 5-9-7	G Carter	94
6	(1)	622121	THATCHMASTER 20 (C,D,F,G) (Mrs B Sumner) C Horgan 5-9-6	D Harrison	97
7	(3)	500060	PERSIAN BUTTERFLY 18 (D Hallums) R Stronge 4-9-4	V Slattery	–
8	(16)	30524-0	NARBONNE 20 (D,S) (Saracen Racing) B McMath 5-9-3	D Biggs	88
9	(18)	323003	MR ROUGH 22 (CD,F) (R Akehurst) D Morris 5-9-3	S Davies	⊛
10	(12)	005016	CA'D'ORO 18 (D,G) (Miss B Swire) G Balding 3-9-3	S Drowne	92
11	(4)	0-00065	AMEER ALFAYAAF 82 (BF) (Lime Street Racing Synd) R Akehurst 3-9-1	T Quinn	89
12	(10)	563304	MYSTIC DAWN 6 (Up and Downer Ptnrs) S Dow 3-9-0	A Daly (5)	93
13	(17)	042543	ROCKY WATERS 15 (V,C,F,G) (P Chorniak) P Burgoyne 7-9-0	P McCabe (3)	92
14	(20)	034010	MOGIN 4 (BF,F) (Miss L Elliott) T Naughton 3-8-12	J D Smith (5)	96
15	(6)	005004	YEZZA 28 (Mrs M Keogh) A Jarvis 3-8-12	W Ryan	89
16	(11)	405336	PRIDE OF KASHMIR 18 (The New Recruits) P Harris 3-8-9	G Hind	91
17	(2)	30-0000	MAZIRAH 27 (A Schlit) P Makin 5-8-9	S Sanders	86
18	(19)	0-00	PERSIAN DAWN 41 (ROM Racing) D Chappell 3-8-3	C Rutter	–
19	(14)	06-4043	RACING TELEGRAPH 23 (G) (C Wool) C Allen 6-8-2	Martin Dwyer (5)	96
20	(21)	000355	HAWAII STORM 4 (D,G,S) (C Capel) D Arbuthnot Davis 8-8-0	D O'Shea	98
21	(13)	000600	PRINCE ZIZIM 3 (V) (J Purcell) R Spicer 3-7-13	R Mullen (7)	97

BETTING: 5-1 Duello, 6-1 Mr Rough, Thatchmaster, 7-1 Ashby Hill, Ameer Alfayaaf, Mystic Dawn, 8-1 Racing Telegraph, 10-1 others.

1995: PRENONAMOSS 7-8-8 D Holland (14-1) D Arbuthnot 21 ran

4.50 EQUITY FINANCIAL COLLECTIONS LIMITED STAKES
(£4,308: 1m 4f) (5 runners)

1	(2)	0-61052	FARRINGDON HILL 36 (B,D,F) (J Wallis) W Hern 5-9-7	W Ryan	95
2	(3)	50-0021	WILLIE CONQUER 27 (D,G) (R Tooth) R Akehurst 4-9-7	T Quinn	98
3	(1)	1534-12	WILD RITA 8 (D,F,G) (Perspicacious Punters RC) W Muir 4-9-4	O Urbina	98
4	(5)	621243	ALAMBAR 29 (F) (H Al Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-12	R Hills	95
5	(4)	03-6146	STEAMROLLER STANLY 30 (F) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-12	G Carter	⊛

BETTING: 2-1 Willie Conquer, 5-2 Alambar, 4-1 Wild Rita, 9-2 Farringdon Hill, 5-1 Steamroller Stanly

1995: POSIDONAS 3-8-13 T Quinn (7-2) P Cole 5 ran

5.20 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND CUCUMBER MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £5,428: 6f) (15 runners)

1	(2)		BICTON PARK (Lord Clinton) D Morley 9-0	R Cochrane	–
2	(12)	6	CHALLIZ 26 (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 9-0	T Williams	–
3	(14)		CHEVAL ROC (R Whitworth) R Hannon 9-0	R Perham	–
4	(10)		DANDY REGENT (R Parsons) C Cyzer 9-0	M Fenton	–
5	(13)	00	HEART FULL OF SOUL 120 (T Strand) P Cole 9-0	T Quinn	–
6	(3)	2	HURRICANE STATE 18 (Mrs B Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	R Havlin (3)	93
7	(1)	02	INDIAN BLAZE 21 (Pandley Braves) P Harris 9-0	G Hind	88
8	(7)	036	KUMAIT 21 (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 9-0	W Ryan	⊛
9	(4)	05	LINDEN'S LAD 44 (Electronic Software Ltd) J Jenkins 9-0	S Whitworth	72
10	(5)	6	MON BRUCE 19 (Miss M Van Bakel) W Muir 9-0	S Sanders	82
11	(11)	00	ROSENKAVALIER 18 (G Swire) L Cottrell 9-0	J Quinn	–
12	(8)	500	SELECT CHOICE 23 (Select 96 Ptnrs) A Jarvis 9-0	S Drowne	87
13	(9)		WATERVILLE BOY (J Horgan) R Hannon 9-0	Dane O'Neill	–
14	(6)	4	WITH A WILL 19 (H Candy) H Candy 9-0	L James (7)	–
15	(15)	0	HACHIYAH 18 (H Al Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 8-9	R Hills	75

BETTING: 3-1 Hurricane State, 5-1 Kumait, 6-1 Waterville Boy, Cheval Roc, 8-1 Select Choice, Indian Blaze, 10-1 Mon Bruce, 12-1 others

1995: WELVILLE 9-0 J Weaver (11-2 fav) P Makin 15 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
S bin Suroor	6	18	33.3	Dane O'Neill	12	67	17.9
J Payne	5	15	33.3	R Cochrane	24	165	14.5
E Dunlop	3	12	25.0	T Quinn	41	299	13.7
M Stoute	20	91	22.0	M Fenton	3	27	11.1
P Cole	26	130	20.0	D Harrison	9	86	10.5
W Hern	7	39	17.9	Only qualifiers			

Blinkered first time

DONCASTER: 2.00 Royal Action, Three Hills. GOODWOOD: 2.10 Petrel. 3.10 Ron's Secret, 3.40 Civil Liberty. 3.40 Dovebrace. 4.15 Prince Zizim. WORCESTER: 4.30 Last Laugh.

WORCESTER

THUNDERER

2.20 Wottashambles. 2.55 Father Sky. 3.25 Anchorena. 3.55 Captain Khedive. 4.30 Matamoros. 5.00 Gone By.

GOING: FIRM SIS

2.20 NEW STREET NOVICES HURDLE
(£2,548 2m 4f) (9 runners)

1	-131	TUKANO 27 (D,F) J Jenkins 5-11-12	G Bradley
2	33-1	WOTTASHAMBLES 18 (F) L Montague Hall 5-11-5	D Morris
3	-331	ALPINE MIST 16 (C,F) J O'Shea 4-11-3	Michael Brennan (5)
4	0	JEAN DE FLORETTE 53F R Spicer 5-10-12	E Husband (3)
5	5-66	LEAP IN THE DARK 7 Miss L Siddall 7-10-12	A Thornton
6	F00-	BASIL STREET 190 C Mann 4-10-10	R Dunwoody
7	314-	DANE ROSE 125P (F,G) M Sheppard 10-10-7	R Johnson
8	340-	HYDEMILLA 165 Mrs T Pilkington 6-10-7	G Hogan (3)
9	22P	MARLOUSION 2 (BF) C Brooks 4-10-5	D Gallagher

2-1 Tukano, 5-2 Wottashambles, 7-2 Alpine Mist, 8-1 Marlousion, 10-1 Basil Street, 12-1 Leap In The Dark, 20-1 others.

2.55 BULL RING NOVICES CHASE
(£3,592. 2m 7f) (6)

1	23-1	CLIFTON SET 18 (B,F,G,S) C Mann 5-11-1	R Dunwoody
2	04R-	GIORGIONE 407 N Pomfret 7-10-12	J Culloty
3	4PP2	MUSIC SCORE 17 (F,G) Mrs L Taylor 10-10-12	A Thornton
4	5P0-	FATHER SKY 149 (F) O Sherwood 5-10-8	J Osborne
5	0P-U	GLENFINN PRINCESS 16 (S) Mrs M Jones 8-10-7	M A Fitzgerald
6	62-3	MANOR BOUND 18 (F) Mrs S Williams 6-10-7	S McNeill

Evens Father Sky, 5-4 Clifton Set, 7-1 Glenfinn Princess, 12-1 Manor Bound, 14-1 Music Score, 25-1 Giorgione

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: O Sherwood, 16 winners from 49 runners, 32.7%; Miss H Knight, 12 from 37, 32.4%; C Mann, 6 from 19, 31.6%; M Pipe, 31 [illegible] 10 from 41, 24.4%.

3.25 SELLY OAK NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,303: 3m) (6)

1	131F	WYNBERG 23 (D,F) T Forster 5-12-0	S Wynne
2	P613	AKIYMANN 9 (B,F) M Pipe 6-10-13	D Bridgwater
3	1	ANCHORENA 14 (F) Miss V Williams 4-10-11	N Williamson
4	5123	LITTLE TINCTURE 16 (CD,F) Mrs T M-Slamer 6-10-1	G Upton
5	-S31	SHALIK 25 (F) J Jenkins 6-10-0	J Railton
6	4PP-	HYLTERS CHANCE 135 P Hobbs 5-10-0	A P McCoy

5-4 Wynberg, 3-1 Anchorena, 5-1 Hylters Chance, 8-1 Akiymann, 10-1 others

3.55 SNOW HILL HANDICAP CHASE
(£4,745: 2m) (3)

1	U5-2	CAPTAIN KHEDIVE 6 (CD,BF,F,G) P Nicholls 8-12-0	A P McCoy
2	204-	HOUGHTON 128 (F,G,S) W Jenks 10-11-2	Mr R Burton (7)
3	2121	NOBLELY 6 (D,F,G,S) N Walker 9-11-0 (6ex)	R Farrant

8-11 Captain Khedive, 6-4 Noblely, 8-1 Houghton.

4.30 MOOR STREET MAIDEN HURDLE
(£2,353: 2m) (18)

1	00-	BLOWN WIND 195 O Sherwood 5-11-5	J Osborne
2		CAMDEN'S RANSOM 3F H Rowsell 9-11-5	B Powell
3	00/	CELESTIAL DOLLAR 31F O O'Neill 5-11-5	R Johnson
4	0/	DIFFICULT DECISION 488 Mrs M Jones 5-11-5	M A Fitzgerald
5	50-1	MISTER GIGI 42F (F) Miss M Rowland 5-11-5	Gary Lyons
6	P/	RAGTIME SONG 459F J Jenkins 7-11-5	D Yellowlees (7)
7	4P4-	SPRING LOADED 311 J O'Shea 5-11-5	Michael Brennan (5)
8	3	DANTEAN 27 R O'Sullivan 4-11-3	P Holley
9	PPP	FLASHING SABRE 18 H Manners 4-11-3	A Dowling (7)
10	6-0	GOOD 3F D Thom 4-11-3	B Fenton
11	454-	HIGHLY CHARMING 168 Miss H Knight 4-11-3	J F Titley
12	P60-	MATAMOROS 13F G Harwood 4-11-3	R Dunwoody
13		NORTHERN LAW 35F John Berry 4-11-3	I Lawrence
14	4P-	PUNCH 20F (B) N Tinkler 4-11-3	E Husband (3)
15	30-2	WANSTEAD 18 (V) J Jenkins 4-11-3	G Bradley
16	3FF-	MARTHA'S DAUGHTER 177 T Forster 7-11-0	A Thornton
17	83-5	LAST LAUGH 32 (B,BF) K Bailey 4-10-12	T J Murphy
18	5	ROSE CHIME 18 J L Harris 4-10-12	P McLoughlin

3-1 Highly Charming, 4-1 Martha's Daughter, 5-1 Wanstead, 7-1 others.

5.00 BIRMINGHAM HANDICAP HURDLE
(£2,726: 2m) (4)

1	6311	GONE BY 18 (V,C,D,F,G) J Jenkins 8-12-0	G Bradley

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE MEETINGS

Doncaster

Going: good to firm

2.00 (1m) 1, AL AZHAR (Pat Eddery, 7-2: Thunderer's nap); 2, Sandbaggedagain (R Mullen, 20-1); 3, Princess Topaz (J Quinn, 16-1); 4, The Fly (M Hills, 9-4 fav). ALSO RAN: 15-2 General's Star, 11 Southerly Wind (5th), 14 Mister Pink, Sad Mad Bad, 16 Exit To Rio, Peartree House (6th), 20 Champagne Toast, For Your Eyes Only, 25 Dalmeny Dancer, Kaiser Kache, 33 Milroy, Puzzlement, The Deejey. 17 ran. 1l, 2l, ½l, 3¼l, 1l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £4.20; £1.40, £6.80, £3.20, £1.20. DF £43.60. Trio: £513.90. CSF: £71.81 Tricast: £978.34

2.35 (1m) 1, BISHOP OF CASHEL (W R Swinburn, 4-1); 2, Bin Rosie (L Dettori, 4-1); 3, Restructure (J Reid, 7-2 jt-fav). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Distant Oasis (4th), 6 Ruznama (6th), 12 Nijo, 16 Royal Philosopher, 20 Gothenberg (5th). 8 ran. ¾l, 1¼l, ½l, 8l, nk. J Fanshawe at Newmarket. Tote: £4.40; £1.50, £1.40, £2.00. DF: £5.80. CSF: £19.64.

3.10 (1m) 1, REAMS OF VERSE (Pat Eddery, 2-1 fav); 2, Dame Laura (T Quinn, 16-1); 3, Gretel (W R Swinburn, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 Bint Baladee (4th), 9-2 Quintellina, 14 Raindancing (5th), 16 The In-Laws, 20 Catwalk, 25 Mrs Miniver, 33 Atotre, 50 Vagabond Chanteuse (6th). 11 ran. NR: Fernanda. 2l, hd, 3½l, nk, 4l. H Cecil at Newmarket. Tote: £3.00; £1.40, £3.40, £3.10. DF: £30.60. Trio: £214.80. CSF: £31.25.

3.40 (2m 2f) 1, DOUBLE TRIGGER (L Dettori, Evens fav); 2, Celeric (W Carson, 13-8); 3, Lear White (O Peslier, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 25 Admiral's Well (4th), Assessor (6th), 50 Old Rouvel (5th). 6 ran. 2l, 2l, 2l, 4l, 7l. M Johnston at Middleham. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £1.30. DF: £1.60. CSF: £2.90

4.10 (7f) 1, MY BRANCH (M Hills, 7-2); 2, High Summer (Pat Eddery, 100-30 jt-fav); [illegible] Lambourn. Tote: £3.70; £2.10, £1.80. DF: £8.90. CSF: £15.28

4.40 (7f) 1, QUILLING (F Lynch, 15-2); 2, Wardara (Jo Hunnam, 14-1); 3, Lough Erne (W Carson, 11-2 fav); 4, Keston Pond (M Deering, 11-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Consort (5th), 10 Ochos Rios, 12 Wisam, 14 Artanxerxes, 16 Statoyork, 20 Cavers Yangous, Champagne Grandy, Chickawicka, Equerry, King Rat, Northern Fan, Wild Rice (6th), 25 Barrel Of Hope, 33 Air Commodore, Samsolom. 19 ran. NR: Royal Mark. Hd, ½l, ½l, nk, nk. M Dods at Darlington. Tote: £8.30; £2.10, £6.10, £1.80, £2.20. DF: £66.60. Trio: £275.80. CSF: £95.88. Tricast: £517.74. Royal Mark (14-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 applies to all bets, deduction 5p in pound

Jackpot: £7,682.90.
Placepot: £18.20. Quadpot: £9.30.

Chepstow

Going: good to firm

2.10 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, Soviet Bride (A Daly, 14-1); 2, Game Ploy (13-2); 3, Another Time (12-1). Mister O'Grady 6-1 fav. 15 ran. NR: Hayaain. Sh hd, sh hd. S Dow. Tote: £18.60; £3.50, £2.30, £4.90. DF: £102.10. Trio: £156.20. CSF: £95.07. Tricast: £1,048.17.

2.45 (1m 2f 36yd) 1, Min Alhawa (R Hills, 9-4); 2, Miss Universal (5-6 fav); 3, Obsessive (7-1). 4 ran. 3½l, sh hd. W Hern. Tote: £3.00. DF: £1.90. CSF: £4.35.

3.20 (7f 16yd) 1, Royal Amaretto (M Tebbutt, 100-30); 2, Blue Goblin (15-8 fav); 3, Waterspout (10-1). 18 ran. NR: Bold Spring, Lights Of Home. ½l, 4l. B Meehan. Tote: £4.20; £1.90, £1.60, £2.90. DF: £4.30. Trio: £106.30. CSF: £10.48.

3.50 (7f 16yd) 1, Speedy Classic (A Clark, 6-1); 2, Dawalib (15-2); 3, Ivory's Grab Hire (20-1); 4, Thai Morning (20-1). Paddy's Rice 9-2 fav. 16 ran. NR: Four Of Spades, Jareer Do, Kowtow, Society Magic. 3l, sh hd. M Heaton-Ellis. Tote: £6.70; £2.20.

4.20 (1m 14yd) 1, Cointosser (Martin Dwyer, 13-8 fav); 2, Mustn't Grumble (33-1); 3, Cape Pigeon (6-1). 19 ran. NR: CD Super Targeting. 1¼l, 1½l. M Pipe. Tote: £2.50; £1.50, £4.90, £2.50. DF: £50.60. Trio: £74.00. CSF: £57.88.

4.50 (5f 16yd) 1, Malibu Man (T Sprake, 9-2 fav); 2, Ashkernazy (7-1); 3, Imposing Time (11-2); 4, Al Shaati (9-1). 16 ran. 2l, ¾l. E Wheeler. Tote: £5.40; £1.30, £1.80, £1.30, £2.40. DF: £19.00. Trio: £15.60. CSF: £35.85. Tricast: £170.63.

Placepot: £164.20. Quadpot: £10.40.

Newton Abbot

Going: good

2.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Hacketts Cross (A Maguire, 5-2 fav); 2, Twice The Groom (8-1); 3, Prestige Lady (10-1). 15 ran. 1½l, 3l. P Eccles. Tote: £3.30; £1.40, £2.80, £4.90. DF: £23.70. Trio: £103.60. CSF: £23.78

2.55 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Super Sharp (G Supple, 5-2 jt-fav); 2, Fenwick (10-1); 3, Seahawk Retriever (6-1). Willie Makeit 5-2 jt-fav. 8 ran. 5l, 5l. H Oliver. Tote: £3.00; £1.30, £2.10, £1.80. DF: £11.60. CSF: £25.15. Tricast: £125.58

3.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Cats Run (R Johnson, Evens fav); 2, Lucky Dollar (11-8); 3, Blue Raven (8-1). 5 ran. 1½l, 15l. J Upson. Tote: £1.90; £1.10, £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.74.

4.00 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Southern Ridge (Mr A Holdsworth, 12-1); 2, Caddy's First (11-2); 3, Second Colours (6-4 fav). 12 ran. 15l, 3l. R Frost. Tote: £11.10; £2.10, £1.80, £1.10. DF: £29.70. Trio: £16.40. CSF: £73.44.

4.30 (2m 5f 110yd ch) 1, Harbert Buchanan (A P McCoy, 15-8 fav); 2, Time Enough (11-2); 3, Clear Idea (13-2). 6 ran. NR: Maggots Green. 1¼l, ½l. P Nicholls. Tote: £2.40; £1.30, £3.60. DF: £8.70. CSF: £11.95.

5.00 (3m 3f hdle) 1, Acrow Line (D J Burchell, 8-1); 2, Blasket Hero (7-2); 3,

DONCASTER

THUNDERER

1.30 Cape Cross
2.00 Spillo
2.35 Storm Trooper
3.05 Kalabo
3.35 Bahhare
4.10 Gone Savage
4.40 Kammtarra

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 1.30 CAPE CROSS (nap). 2.35 Storm Trooper. 3.05 Minds Music.

GUIDE TO OUR RACECARD

103 (12) 0-0432 GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0 . B West (4) 88

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps. F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS BEST
TOTE JACKPOT MEETING SIS

1.30 AMCO MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £3,840: 1m str) (10 runners)

101	(7)	4	CAPE CROSS 21 (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 9-0	L Dettori	96
102	(5)	2	FLIRTING AROUND 21 (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 9-0	J Reid	⊛
103	(3)		FRUITIE O'FLARETY (W Gredley) C Brittain 9-0	B Doyle	–
104	(10)	04	INN ST JAMES 30 (Sheikh Amin Dahlawi) J Bethell 9-0	J Fortune	79
105	(6)	0	PERTEMPS MISSION 9 (Pertemps Ltd) J Pearce 9-0	G Bardwell	–
106	(8)		RECOURSE (K Abdulla) H Cecil 9-0	M J Kinane	–
107	(4)		SHAYA (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 9-0	W Carson	–
108	(2)		VOYAGERS QUEST (R Kaster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	G Duffield	–
109	(1)		WELLCOME INN (Burntwood Sports Ltd) J A Harris 9-0	K Fallon	–
110	(9)		LOOKOUT (R Hollingsworth) B Hills 8-9	M Hills	–

BETTING: 9-4 Recourse, 7-2 Flirting Around, 4-1 Cape Cross, 5-1 Voyagers Quest, 8-1 Shaya, Lookout, 14-1 Wellcome Inn, 16-1 others

1995: HERON ISLAND 9-0 J Reid (7-2) P Chapple-Hyam 17 ran

2.00 JOY UK HANDICAP (£5,120: 1m 4f) (14 runners)

201	(5)	1-00135	DAUNT 22 (F,G) (Lord Hartington) J Gosden 4-9-10	L Dettori	98
202	(6)	241400	PLEASANT SURPRISE 8 (F,S) (A Ali) M Johnston 3-9-3	B Doyle	⊛
203	(2)	0-00100	TIME FOR ACTION 6 (D,F,G) (Mrs G Smith) M Tompkins 4-9-3	M Henry (3)	97
204	(9)	120-005	JAGELLON 20 (D,S) (D Deer) W Muir 5-9-2	J Reid	95
205	(8)	243240	SPILLO 22 (F) (Mrs L Cumani) L Cumani 3-8-11	K Darley	96
206	(12)	613120	CANTON VENTURE 6 (D,F,G) (Dr F Chao) S Woods 4-8-8	W Carson	97
207	(13)	202150	THREE HILLS 22 (B,C,G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-8-8	M Hills	94
208	(1)	4-10	PIKE CREEK 22 (D,F) (G Strawbridge) I Balding 3-8-8	K Fallon	90
209	(3)	13-455	WIGHT 30 (S) (G Mazza) R Hannon 3-8-8	M J Kinane	93
210	(7)	332110	ASKERN 22 (F) (H O'Donnell) D Haydn Jones 5-8-7	A Mackay	92
211	(10)	16641-0	ENDOWMENT 226 (F,G) (R Hilley) Mrs M Reveley 4-8-6	A Culhane	90
212	(4)	3023/06	BLACKPATCH HILL 111 (CD,G,S) (J Bradbury) N Tinkler 7-8-5	Kim Tinkler	–
213	(11)	503524	ROYAL ACTION 22 (B,BF) (E Carter) J Banks 3-8-0	M Baird (5)	91
214	(14)	140200	MANFUL 13 (B,C,F,G,S) (C Barber-Lomax) W Elsey 4-7-13	N Kennedy	93

BETTING: 5-1 Daunt, 6-1 Three Hills, Spillo, 7-1 Jagellon, 8-1 Pike Creek, Askern, 10-1 Royal Action, Pleasant Surprise, 14-1 others

1995: BIT ON THE SIDE 6-8-0 P McCabe (3-1) W Musson 13 ran

2.35 RJB MINING CONDITIONS STAKES
C4

(£7,130: 1m 2f 60yd) (6 runners)

301	(6)	3-20424	WIJARA 107 (B,S) (M Sohail) R Hannon 4-9-2	J Reid	94
302	(5)	106033	STORM TROOPER 20 (BF,F,S) (Prince F Salman) H Cecil 3-9-1	M J Kinane	⊛
303	(4)	6-21304	PRINCE OF MY HEART 20 (G) (G Hicks) B Hills 3-8-13	M Hills	89
304	(1)	15	MAIDEN CASTLE 146 (D,S) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-8-11	L Dettori	80
305	(3)	520-000	TARTE AUX POMMES 30 (F) (A Richards) C Brittain 4-8-11	B Doyle	89
306	(2)	1-	FOREST BUCK 339 (G) (Buckram Oak Holdings) H Cecil 3-8-9	A McGlone	83

BETTING: 4-5 Storm Trooper, 4-1 Wijara, 6-1 Prince Of My Heart, 8-1 Forest Buck, 10-1 Maiden Castle, 16-1 Tarte Aux Pommes.

1995: RIYADIAN 3-8-11 W Carson (11-8 fav) P Cole 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

WIJARA 16¾l 4th of 8 to Murajja in conditions race at Newbury (1m 2f, soft). STORM TROOPER 1½l 3rd of 5 to Annus Mirabilis in group III Winter Hill Stakes at Windsor (1m 2f, soft) with PRINCE OF MY HEART (2lb better off) 12l 5th. MAIDEN CASTLE beat Orchestra Stall 10l in 9-runner maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, soft) penultimate start. TARTE AUX POMMES 14l last of 8 to Centre Stalls in conditions race at Sandown (1m, good to firm). FOREST BUCK beat Jiyush 1¼l in 17-runner maiden at Leicester (1m, good) Oct 1995.
Selection: STORM TROOPER

3.05 O & K TROY STAKES
C4

(Listed race: £11,563: 1m 4f) (9 runners)

401	(4)	21-1142	BAL HARBOUR 27 (F) (K Abdulla) H Cecil 5-9-6	M J Kinane	⊛
402	(3)	0360-53	ANCHOR CLEVER 10 (F) (O Pedroni) P Kelleway 4-9-1	D R McCabe	86
403	(6)	16-8033	DESERT SHOT 35 (BF,F,G) (M Al-Maktoum) M Stoute 6-9-1	J Reid	94
404	(2)	50-3116	KALABO 43 (D,F,S) (Godolphin) S bin Suroor 4-9-1	L Dettori	98
405	(9)	221-322	MINDS MUSIC 28 (D,BF,F,G) (Niarchos Family) H Cecil 4-9-1	K Fallon	97
406	(7)	022-601	BUSY FLIGHT 18 (D,G) (S Wingfield Digby) B Hills 3-8-6	M Hills	90
407	(1)	514	SMART PLAY 111 (D,F) (Mrs G Ward) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-6	K Darley	77
408	(5)	343660	WEET-A-MINUTE 20 (F,G) (Ed Weetman Ltd) R Hollinshead 3-8-6	F Lynch	93
409	(8)	12	HALEAKALA 8 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Johnston 3-8-1	W Carson	92

BETTING: 3-1 Bal Harbour, 7-2 Minds Music, 4-1 Kalabo, 6-1 Desert Shot, 8-1 Haleakala, 10-1 Weet-A-Minute, Smart Play.

1995: SINGSPIEL 3-8-11 M J Kinane (30-100 fav) M Stoute 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAL HARBOUR 1l 2nd of 10 to Carling in group III Prix Gontaut-Biron at Deauville (1m 2f, good). ANCHOR CLEVER 12l 3rd of 4 to Canon Can in conditions race at Pontefract (2m 2f, good). DESERT SHOT neck and 10l 3rd of 5 to Bint Salsabil in conditions race at Newmarket (1m 2f, good to firm). KALABO, completed double, beat Masehaab 2½l in 3-runner conditions race at Newmarket (1m 4f, good to firm) penultimate start. MINDS MUSIC 1¼l 2nd of 6 to Heron Island in conditions race at Newbury (1m 4f, good). BUSY FLIGHT beat Multicoloured 6l in 5-runner maiden at Ripon (1m 4f 60yd, good). SMART PLAY 9l 4th of 8 to Farasan in conditions race here (1m 2f 60yd, good). HALEAKALA ½l 2nd of 4 to Samraan in conditions race at Salisbury (1m 6f, firm)
Selection: KALABO

3.35 LAURENT-PERRIER CHAMPAGNE STAKES
C4

(Group II: 2-Y-O colts and geldings: £44,491: 7f) (5 runners)

501	(3)	11	BAHHARE 41 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 8-10	W Carson	⊛
502	(1)	13	IN COMMAND 24 (BF,F) (M Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-10	M Hills	77
503	(5)	21	MUSHEER 48 (D,F) (Bellcoll Ltd) Miss G Kelleway 8-10	K Fallon	83
504	(4)	1	RELIQUARY 28 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) D Loder 8-10	L Dettori	82
505	(2)	11	REVOQUE 24 (D,F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10	J Reid	85

BETTING: 4-6 Bahhare, 7-2 Reliquary, 5-1 Musheer, 7-1 Revoque, 12-1 In Command

1995: ALHAARTH 9-0 W Carson (2-5 fav) W Hern 3 ran

FORM FOCUS

BAHHARE, completed double, beat Rich In Love 6l in Newmarket conditions race (7f, good to firm). MUSHEER beat Snow Partridge 1½l in Ascot maiden (7f, good to firm). RELIQUARY beat China Red 2l in Haydock maiden (6f, good to firm). REVOQUE beat Symonds Inn 2½l in York conditions race (7f, good) with IN COMMAND 1¾l 3rd.
Selection: BAHHARE

4.10 H LEVERTON HANDICAP (£3,840: 5f) (22 runners)
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601	(2)	100203	INSIDER TRADER 13 (D,BF,F,G) (Mrs H Carr) Mrs J Ramsden 5-9-12	G Faulkner (5)	96
602	(8)	212100	ROYAL DOME 16 (D,F,G) (G Jones) M Wane 4-9-10	P Roberts (5)	96
603	(9)	430000	CHEEKY CHAPPY 6 (B,D,F,G,S) (Mrs J Chapman) D Chapman 5-9-10	O Pears (3)	91
604	(17)	0-04040	BLESSINGINDISGUISE 39 (D,G) (A Black) M W Easterby 3-9-10	G Parkin (5)	91
605	(7)	000000	MASTER OF PASSION 41 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs M Kwee) J Eustace 7-9-10	M Tebbutt	96
606	(1)	31-00	AIR WING 104 (D,G) (P Betts Ltd) M Tompkins 3-9-9	M Henry (3)	90
607	(12)	316241	PANTHER 13 (V,D,F,G,S) (Treble Chance Partners) P Evans 6-9-7	M J Kinane	96
608	(10)	0-00260	MISS WATERLINE 74 (S) (M Lawrence) P Evans 3-9-6	Anthony Bond (7)	89
609	(14)	000000	SADDLEHOME 84 (D,BF,F,G,S) (K Shaw) T Barron 7-9-6	J Fortune	89
610	(20)	021132	KIRA 10 (D,F,G) (J Wilson) J Eyre 6-9-5	W Carson	⊛
611	(15)	053000	SURPRISE MISSION 48 (CD,F,G) (D Brotherton) Mrs J Ramsden 4-9-5	A Culhane	94
612	(4)	316622	SING WITH THE BAND 13 (D,F,G) (D Allen) B McMahon 5-9-5	J Reid	96
613	(18)	031210	LITERARY SOCIETY 23 (D,F,G) (Lady Celina Carter) J Toller 3-9-3	G Duffield	95
614	(5)	426000	BEAU VENTURE 13 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Stacey) B Palling 8-9-3	K Darley	95
615	(13)	030414	BARRANAK 20 (D,G) (M MacCarthy) G McCourt 4-9-2	A McGlone	94
616	(16)	410060	CHADWELL HALL 13 (B,D,F,G,S) (D Bowring) S Bowring 5-9-2	S D Williams	96
617	(21)	110540	DAAWE 27 (V,C,D,F,G,S) (Mrs A Mallinson) Mrs V Aconley 5-9-1	M Deering	93
618	(11)	024132	GONE SAVAGE 14 (D,BF,F,G,S) (The Square Table) W Musson 8-9-0	L Dettori	94
619	(6)	411452	TROPICAL BEACH 20 (D,F,G) (J Unsworth) J Berry 3-9-0	Emma O'Gorman	95
620	(3)	013321	OATEY 21 (CD,F,G) (R Barnett) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-13	K Fallon	93
621	(19)	506000	PLAYMAKER 8 (B,D,S) (Penrith FC Ltd - Blues) D Nicholls 3-8-12	Alex Greaves	93
622	(22)	105341	JUST DISSIDENT 16 (D,F,G) (Mrs C Hodgetts) R Whitaker 4-8-11	D McKeown	97

BETTING: 6-1 Gone Savage, 7-1 Oatey, 8-1 Kira, 10-1 Panther, 12-1 Surprise Mission, 14-1 Insider Trader, Tropical Beach, Just Dissident, Literary Society, 16-1 others.

1995: GENERAL SIR PETER 3-9-5 C Rutter (11-1) P Cole 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

ROYAL DOME best recent effort beat SING WITH THE BAND (1lb better off) a head, with CHADWELL HALL (8lb better off) 3¾l 10th and INSIDER TRADER (5lb better off) ½l 11th. AIR WING 7l 10th of 13 to Atraf in handicap at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). PANTHER beat Swynford Dream ½l in 15-runner handicap at Chester (5f, good to soft) with INSIDER TRADER (3lb better off) head 3rd, CHADWELL HALL (5lb better off) 5l 7th and BEAU VENTURE (6lb better off) 2½l 12th. MISS WATERLINE best recent effort ½l 2nd of 18 to Wildwood Flyer in handicap at Windsor (6f, good to firm) with LITERARY SOCIETY (1lb worse off) 29½l last. KIRA ¾l 2nd of 17 to Grand Chapeau in handicap at Pontefract (6f, good). SING WITH THE BAND 1½l 2nd of 13 to Sea-Deer in handicap at Wolverhampton (AW, 6f). LITERARY SOCIETY 5l 9th of 20 to Blue Iris in handicap at York (5f, good). DAAWE 2l 4th of 15 to Ballard Lady in handicap at Ayr (6f, good) penultimate start. GONE SAVAGE ¾l 2nd of 15 to Squire Corrie in handicap at Sandown (5f, good). TROPICAL BEACH 3l 2nd of 11 to Moon Strike in lady riders' handicap at Newmarket (5f, good to soft) with BARRANAK 1l 4th. OATEY beat Italar a neck in 12-runner handicap at Thirsk (5f, good) with KIRA (5lb better off) 1½l 3rd. JUST DISSIDENT beat Brecongill Lad 1½l in 14-runner handicap at Carlisle (5f, good) with ROYAL DOME (5lb better off) 4l 9th.
Selection: INSIDER TRADER

4.40 SUN PRINCESS CONDITIONS (3-Y-O: £4,560: 1m rnd) (9 runners)

1	(4)	1-31502	ALI-ROYAL 22 (BF,G,S) (Greenbay Stables) H Cecil 9-4	M J Kinane	⊛
2	(7)	2313	KAMMTARRA 41 (D,F) (Saeed Maktoum Al Maktoum) S bin Suroor 9-0	L Dettori	95
3	(9)	403021	VAN GURP 8 (D,G) (Barouche Stud Ltd) B McMahon 9-0	G Duffield	87
4	(5)	11-0502	BONARELLI 19 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11	K Fallon	97
5	(3)	1152-5	DUBLIN RIVER 18 (F) (K Alsayegh) H Thomson Jones 8-11	N Carlisle	87
6	(6)	006006	KALA SUNRISE 8 (F) (A Needham) C Smith 8-11	J Fortune	94
7	(8)	1-4	POMMARD 148 (G) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 8-11	K Darley	90
8	(2)	21-5650	TAWKIL 23 (F) (H Al-Maktoum) B Hills 8-11	W Carson	92
9	(1)	6-30304	WORLD PREMIER 76 (C,F,G) (Mrs C Brittain) C Brittain 8-11	B Doyle	94

BETTING: 2-1 Ali-Royal, 3-1 Kammtarra, 9-2 Bonarelli, 7-1 Pommard, 8-1 World Premier, 10-1 Van Gurp, 12-1 Dublin River, 14-1 others.

1995: CLAN BEN 9-1 Pat Eddery (2-1 fav) H Cecil 8 ran

DONCASTER SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: S bin Suroor, 3 winners from 7 runners, 42.9%; H Cecil, 25 from 93, 26.9%; J Gosden, 33 from 148, 22.3%; Miss G Kelleway, 4 from 19, 21.1%; M Stoute, 20 from 100, 20.0%; B Hills, 27 from 140, 19.3%; D Haydn Jones, 4 from 21, 19.0%.

JOCKEYS: M Hills, 28 winners from 152 rides, 18.4%; L Dettori, 29 from 183,

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Slow progress on pilgrimage to Brentford

CLEMENT FREUD

on Friday

We arrived late at the ground and they had run out of programmes; this mattered hardly at all: programmes are for the identification of teams and players. Plymouth Argyle play in green, the only team in the English league whose first-choice kit is green, so we knew for whom to cheer on the field of play, also who were our allies on the terraces.

Griffin Park, where Brentford play football, is easier to see than to find. Drive west down the M4 and it is on your left, brightly floodlit; take the road off the motorway and you enter a land of one-way streets with speed humps; each turn you take leads into a housing estate from which you exit in reverse.

We made it. Only one gate remained open and the man said: "£8 each, £5 for children and pensioners, £13 if you want to sit." No discount for late arrival. We negotiated a price, he slung the money into a bag, took another look at us, decided we could come up with another fiver. We came up with another fiver.

"What's the score?"

"One-all, we should be well in the lead."

"Who is, 'we'?" But he had gone.

It was a game of two halves: we saw only the second half. We walked to the West Stand, which is for away supporters, behind locked gates as in a low-security prison; the gateman charged us £10 to get in, which he accepted as if he could only just manage it at the price, instead of welcoming the unexpected bounty.

> 'They seemed to play better with ten men'

The ground was less than half full and where we sat, behind the Brentford goal which we hoped was to be the scene of action, an elderly man with a fur hat moved crab-wise along the row in front of us shouting into a mobile telephone in Yiddish. He smoked a short, thick, wet, malodorous cigar.

The football was less skilful than you would expect for the money. Long, high kicks, a great deal of time wasting, much inaccurate passing and it was noticeable that, when it came to "support" it was we who provided it. We cheered when we were awarded a throw-in; the red and white-scarved locals kept an almost sullen silence until their men scored goals. We briefly minded having no programme, wanting to look up the referee's place of origin; he seemed to come from very nearby.

Plymouth, whom we have supported since watching our first professional game there in short trousers, have a few problems. Dan McCauley, the chairman, announced that he was trying to sell the club, then said that perhaps he would not. Mr Warnock, our manager, who took us to Wembley and glorious success last season (which is why we now play in the second division) is thinking of leaving, the way managers do, and Grobbelaar, our extrovert goalkeeper, has complications of his own in the courts, next January.

In the light of this, we performed with valour. Brentford scored a second goal midway through the half, a goal that looked offside to us, but the home team's jubilation was such that it would have taken a graver man than the referee to have denied it. Then, one of our men got sent off: the home team's forward latched on to a long pass and was making for goal when our defender tackled him from behind, sadly missing the ball.

> 'The referee seemed to be from nearby'

The Pilgrims actually seemed to play better with ten men: fast, accurate, crisp football culminating in a sensationally brilliant move: Grobbelaar clearance, precision pass to the left wing, impeccable cross and a superb shot into the back of the net. Two-all.

We were still standing and cheering and punching the air — only partly to clear it from the seriously evil cigar smoke — when Brentford scored again to make it 3-2. A good enough goal, we supposed, looking expectantly at the referee lest he might finally give us a break; he pointed to the centre circle. "He would," said a green-scarved man sitting behind us. "Being local, like."

In The Beehive in Brentford High Street after the game, the consensus was that the team's heart was back. We were playing better than we had for the past few games. Pilgrims' fans have a reputation for good behaviour, which cynics maintain is because we behave badly only when we win, and we never win.

For half an hour, we went through the salient points of the match and then, because there were in that pub a dozen Hungarians who support Ferencváros and were keen to shout for any other team that wears green shirts, we took it in turns to take deep gulps from their huge bottle of over-proof plum brandy. Though we did not have too many words of each other's language, we began a darts match with arrows aimed at the treble-top, finishing with both sides trying to hit the board from 12 metres, unleashing the darts between our legs. At kicking-out time, not too many of us remembered the exact score, or much else.

RUGBY UNION

Bath scale heights in pursuit of excellence

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

ALL sport, it might be said, is the art of the possible. On Wednesday, Bath showed with overwhelming clarity the potential of rugby union for self-expression, for entertainment, for the discipline that could help to raise the game in Great Britain to new heights. Tomorrow, though, will they do it against Wasps, when there are two league points on the line?

"I'm not going to compromise," Brian Ashton, the Bath coach, said after watching his side score 13 tries, and 87 points, against a Swansea XV stuffed full of first-class experience. "It's very easy to go back and play a limited game, but that would betray everything we have worked for."

It is far too simplistic to suggest that the presence of two great rugby league players made the difference, though part of the attraction at the Recreation Ground tomorrow will be the sight of Henry Paul playing opposite Va'aiga Tuigamala, his Wigan colleague, who will be making his debut in the Wasps midfield, as will yet another of Wigan's internationals, Gary Connolly, for Harlequins against London Irish at the Stoop Memorial Ground.

Robinson: settled

Jason Robinson and Paul retain their places in the Bath back division and, considering the vivacity that Wasps showed against Saracens last Sunday, those who gather at the Rec — as 6,500 did for the Anglo-Welsh Cup game — will be in a for a feast. For Paul and Robinson to achieve as much as they did, 72 hours after playing for Wigan in the Stones Premiership final and with, respectively, three and one training sessions for the match against Swansea, is testimony to their intrinsic quality.

Better still, from Bath's point of view, was their utterly professional attitude. "We did our jobs," Paul said, "but there were a lot of mistakes. There is a lot more work to be done."

The key to Bath's achievement is the approach of their home-grown players, which allowed the manifold talents of Paul and Robinson to flourish in front of, among others, Jack Rowell, the England coach.

Both men have fitted in comfortably with a group which, though still amateur until this season, has enjoyed a professional outlook for years. "We have had great support from the Bath players," Paul said. "Phil de Glanville was like a rabbit, chattering in my ear the whole time against Swansea, and Jerry Guscott was the same in training."

Paul and Robinson acknowledged that they had been caught out by the pace of the first half, in which Bath's movement of the ball was without parallel in my experience. During that first 40 minutes, there were only five lineouts and, throughout the match, the ball was in play for 35 minutes, compared with 28 when Bath lost to Leicester in the league last weekend.

What such a game can do for the attitude, as footballers, of props such as John Mallett or Nathan Thomas, the young Welsh flanker, can only be imagined. It is utterly laughable that anyone could conceive of the sport's confused political state preventing Bath from taking their total rugby on to a European stage. Bath have looked at the law changes, have considered the southern hemisphere's Super 12 tournament, and have learnt from their experience against Wigan in the cross-code matches last May.

Knitting it together produced the 13-try explosion on Wednesday. "We have to get the basic principles right, of continuity, width and pace," Ashton said. "There's nothing fancy about it, though when you have guys like Paul, who can throw the ball from one side of the pitch to the other, it is difficult to defend against.

"This is the way we have to play the game. I realise also there is a responsibility to entertain the public, particularly since we are now asking them to pay so much to watch rugby. We will play in games where we need a lot more balance because sides will try to close us down, so we will have to hold the ball and drive it; but the vision of the side was remarkable and we played at a pace and a level I have not seen from Bath before." And there is more to come.

Paul touches down for one of Bath's 13 tries against Swansea, a performance that broadened the sport's horizons

English clubs make running

Gerald Davies believes the Anglo-Welsh Cup needs restructuring without delay

Wasps must be feeling somewhat disgruntled this week. Looking down the list of nine Anglo-Welsh fixtures completed by Wednesday evening, they find that they are the only ones from England to have lost. The English clubs accumulated 376 points to the 176 points of their Welsh counterparts and scored 51 tries against 19. This is an impressive set of statistics that will bring a warm ring of confidence to the inhabitants of Twickenham's technical department and a whimpering cry for the comfort blanket at the Arms Park.

That the traditional connection has been revived after a decade's absence has to be welcomed. Though these are early days, the discrepancy between the scores may very well indicate that what the England team has managed to accomplish during this period is in fact a true reflection of the strength of English club activity.

Yet it has to be asked: What kind of competition is it? And it has to be admitted: Not much of one.

Before anyone raises a pen to condemn this as dismissive whingeing from the side of the border that has been on the receiving end of these canings, let us look at the detail.

This has been a club-inspired competition. The participants have simply been divided into four groups of six with no method dictating the groupings. Confirmation that the matches were to take place came only last week: no comprehensive list of fixtures has been made available. Matches have been played without knowing what points are awarded for a win, loss or a draw.

The date of the final — May 18 — falls two days after the British Isles have departed for South Africa, which raises the question, in the event of players being committed to both the touring party and the climax to this competition, as to where their obligations will lie.

Or, more precisely, what does a player's contract, which may have a clause stipulating his release for his national team, state about his selection for the Lions? This and other matters will be discussed next week between representatives of the English and Welsh unions.

How meaningful, though, have these games been? Have they reflected the respective strengths and weaknesses of the clubs either side of the border? How significant is the competition this season?

Neath, Pontypridd and Swansea did not, by a long way, play their full teams. Hard cheese, you may say; but, they reason, because of the uncertain status of the competition, Welsh clubs, for the moment, value their domestic competition more. This is the declared route into Europe. They know what it stands for.

Mike Ruddock, the director of coaching at Swansea, who lost 87-15 to Bath on Wednesday, said: "We played three games last week and won them all. The next week we have Dunvant, Pontypridd and Llanelli. That's a tough schedule and I want all my players available. My aim is the top four in the Welsh league so that my club is represented in Europe next season. Since we are not in the Heineken [European] Cup this season, it has to be my priority for next year."

He is not a man to make excuses, though. "There is a huge gulf between what Bath can achieve and what I can achieve at Swansea," he said. "They are operating at a different level to us. They are a fully professional outfit with their players able to train when they want to during the day and to rest when they please. That's the game's future.

"But I'm still operating, by and large, under the philosophy of the old system. Every one of my players, although under contract and is paid, still has a job to go to during the day. We train when the squad is available, two or three evenings a week."

Ruddock added: "The Anglo-Welsh competition is very important. It will grow, but the system needs to be thought out better. I don't think, for example, that Wasps or Leicester should have to travel so far in midweek or Welsh clubs should make the return journey into England at that time. They would be better played, surely, at the weekend."

Evidence accumulates weekly of muddled or hurried thinking. Until English and Welsh administrators sit down and look at the fixtures overall, they are in danger of simply growing without shape and with no sense of proper focus and climax. Quality of competition is the key, not quantity.

Scots poised to move

THE deteriorating relations between Scottish First Division Rugby and the Scottish Rugby Union (SRU) are set to worsen with the news that representatives from English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc) are to meet the leading 20 Scottish clubs in Edinburgh on Sunday (Mark Souster writes).

It is expected that Epruc will offer its version of the future for domestic rugby, which is likely to include a British/European league, into which Scotland's clubs could be invited.

Having become increasingly frustrated by what they believe is the SRU's intransigence over funds from Europe, player contracts and proposals for the 1996-97 fixture list, which were unanimously rejected on Wednesday, the Scottish clubs believe that they have little to lose by throwing in their lot with their English counterparts.

RADIO CHOICE

A hoot of a myth nailed

A Cry in the Dark. *Radio 4, 11.45pm.*

Last Friday night, deep inside an Amazon forest after dark, Joanna Pinnock turned pale as a wildlife expert described to her the bloodfeast rituals of the vampire bat. I could not work how, by torchlight, he knew that his companion had changed colour. A relatively milder horror awaits Pinnock tonight as she ventures deep inside an English wood with Simon King, another wildlife specialist. A hedgehog screams out in distress, the inference being that a badger has decided to risk a mouthful of spines and have a late-night snack. The hoot of a tawny owl prompts King to nail the myth, famously circulated by Shakespeare, that owls go "too-wit too-woo". The sound engineer's biggest coup is to record the footfalls of a badger.

Over the Counter. *Radio 4, 12.25pm.*

As the old song says, there's an awful lot of coffee in Brazil. There's an awful lot in Duke Street, London, W1, too. Run by brother and sister Tony and Audrey Higgins and Tony's son, David, their shop sells 30 different kinds of coffee, mostly unblended because that is what customers prefer. Tony Higgins offers this musical analogy: unblended coffee is like a solo instrument, but blended coffee is like the whole orchestra. If Oliver Walston, the interviewer, wished to be a clever Dick, he would have said that Tony Higgins's analogy could not be right because more people prefer an orchestra to, say, an unaccompanied violin.

Peter Davalle

RADIO 1

FM Stereo. **6.30am** Chris Evans **9.00** Simon Mayo **12.00** Lisa I'Anson **2.00** Nicky Campbell **4.00** Mark Goodier **6.00** Drive-in and at **6.30** The Mix **7.00** *Essential Selection* **10.00** One in the Jungle. Two hours of harcore drums and base **12.00** Radio 1 Rap Show **3.00am** Annie Nightingale **5.00** Charlie Jordan

RADIO 2

FM Stereo **6.00am** Martin Kelner, incl **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.30** Sarah Kennedy **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **1.30pm** Debbie Thrower **3.00** Ed Stewart **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** *Mad about Musicals.* Paul Nicholas hosts the quiz for amateur musical associations **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. From the Hippodrome in Golders Green, with the BBC Concert Orchestra **8.45** Every Living Thing **9.00** Listen to the Band **10.00** George Melly. A Birthday Celebration *Radio 2 Arts Programme* **12.05am** Charles Nove

RADIO 5 LIVE

5.00am Morning Reports, incl 5.45 Wake Up to Money **6.00** The Breakfast Programme **8.35** The Magazine, with Brian Hayes **12.00** Midday with Mair **2.05** Ruscoe on Five **4.00** Nationwide **7.00** News Extra **7.35** Parkinson on Sport **8.30** Friday Sport, with Robin Bailey. Football Commentary on a Division One game plus golf, cricket and the rest of the day's sport **10.05** Paper Talk, with Jay Rayner and Brian Alexander **11.00** Night Extra, with David McNeill **12.05am** After Hours **2.05** Up All Night, with Richard Dallyn

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross **10.00** Scott Chisholm **1.00pm** Anna Raeburn **3.00** Tommy Boyd **5.00** Peter Deeley **7.00** Sport **10.00** Mike Allen **1.00am** Mike Dickin

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST.** News on the Hour **5.30 Europe Today 5.45** Folk Routes **6.30** Europe **6.45** Going Solo **6.50** Insider's Guide **7.15** World Today **7.30** Rock Salad **8.15** Off the Shelf *Tender is the Night* (10/20) **8.30** The Way of the Buddha German **9.15** Music Review **9.45** Soundbyte **10.05** Business **10.15** Focus on Faith **10.45** Sport **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Off the Shelf **12.30pm** Meridian **1.15** Britain Today **1.30** Science in Action **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Multitrack **4.05** Sport **4.15** BBC English **4.30** News in German **5.30** Business Report **5.45** Britain Today **6.10** World Today **6.25** Spotlight **6.30** News in German **7.30** Focus on Faith **9.01** Outlook **9.25** Words of Faith **9.30** Multitrack **10.05** Business **10.15** Britain Today **10.30** People and Politics **11.30** World Today **11.45** Sport **12.10** Spotlight **12.15** Insider's Guide **12.25** Book Choice **12.30** Multitrack **1.30** Seven Days **1.45** Britain Today **2.30** Outlook **2.55** Words of Faith **3.30** Meridian **4.15** Sport **4.30** Vintage Chart Show

CLASSIC FM

4.00am Mark Griffiths **6.00** Breakfast Show **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto Poulenc (Concerto for two pianos in D minor)**3.00** Jamie Crick **6.00** Classic Newsnight **6.30** Sonata. New release **7.00** Classic Showcase **8.00** Evening Concert. Bizet (Symphony in C); Debussy (La Mer); Delius (On Hearing the First Cuckoo in Spring); Faure (Requiem, Op 48)**10.00** Michael Mappin, including at **11.00** Friday Live **1.00am** Sally Peterson

VIRGIN RADIO

6.00am Russ 'n' Jono **9.00** Richard Skinner **12.00** Graham Dene **4.00pm** Nicky Horne **7.00** Paul Coyte (FM) / (AM) Robin Banks **10.00** Alan Freeman **12.00** Janey Lee Grace **2.00am** Howard Pearce

RADIO 3

6.00am On Air. Includes Mozart, Schubert, Weber, Brahms, Rigatti and Strauss
9.00 Morning Collection. Handel, Liszt, Barber and Faure
10.00 Musical Encounters. Francesco Salieri (Sinfonia in B flat, La Tempesta di mare); Anon (Los set goyts, Llibre vermell); Jongen (Scherzetto, Op 108); Beethoven (Piano Concerto in D, arr from Violin Concerto)
12.00 Composer of the Week: Bach
1.00pm News; Bristol Lunchtime Concert: Bartok Plus. David Campbell, clarinet, Michael Thompson, horn, Madeleine Mitchell, violin, Roger Chase, viola, Christopher Van Kampen, cello, Andrew Ball, piano. Bartok (Contrasts for violin, clarinet and piano); Kodaly (Intermezzo for violin, viola and cello); Dohnanyi (Sextet) (r)
2.00 Preoccupations. The cellist Robert Cohen talking about a subject which is close to his heart
2.05 Dvořák (Rondo in G minor, Op 94) Robert Cohen, cello, Anthya Rael, piano
2.15 Music Restored. Presented by George Pratt
3.00 Mining the Archive. Recordings from Edith Vogel's career. Includes Schumann (Allegro in B minor, Op 8; Davidsbundlertanze, Op 6); Brahms (Two Ballades, Op 10 Nos 1 and 2); Schubert (Variations in A flat for piano duet)
5.00 Music Machine
5.15 In Tune. Includes Torelli (Sonata in D); Liszt (Tarantelle de bravoure sur des themes de La Muette de Portici); Berstein (Three Dance Episodes, On the Town)
6.45 BBC Proms 1996 (With BBC2). Bruckner (Prelude and Fugue in C minor; Locus iste; Os justi; Afferentur regi; Aequalis No 1; Christus factus est; Aequalis No 2; Ave Maria; Ecce sacerdos magnus) **7.20** Solti and Chicago (With BBC2) **7.40** Proms Part 2 Beethoven (Symphony No 9 in D minor, Choral)
9.10 Each Morning Once More Seamless. (r)
9.20 Schumann (Kreisleriana, Op 16) Bernard d'Ascoli, piano,
10.00 Hear and Now.
12.00 Composers of the Week: Falla, Gerhard and the Heritage of Spain
1.00am Through the Night

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping (LW only) **6.00** News Briefing **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today incl **7.25, 8.25** Sport **8.45** Thought for the Day **8.40** P.G. Wodehouse's Golf Stories: Rodney Has a Relapse **8.58** Weather
9.00 News 9.05 Desert Island Discs (r)
9.45 Gerry's Bar. The first of four casual encounters with life in Northern Ireland and beyond by Gerry Anderson
10.00 News; Witnessing History (FM). John Florance talks to people who were present at the premiere of Britten's *War Requiem* (1/3)
10.00 An Act of Worship (LW)
10.15 On This Day (LW)
10.30 Woman's Hour
11.30 The Natural History Programme
12.00 News; You and Yours
12.25pm Over the Counter. See Choice **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; The Classic Serial; Dombey and Son (2/6) (r)
3.00 News; The Afternoon Shift
4.00 News 4.05 Kaleidoscope. First reactions to the opening concerts at the Bridgewater Hall in Manchester
4.45 Short Story: Constant Repetition Read by Patricia Hayes (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News
6.30 Parkes and Gardens (5/6)
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week
8.05 Any Questions? Ann Taylor, MP; the film-maker Sir David Puttnam, Michael Heseltine, MP; and the journalist Anne Applebaum join Jonathan Dimbleby in Biggleswade
8.50 Speaking as an Expert (2/6)
9.15 Letter from America By Alistair Cooke
9.30 Kaleidoscope Feature: Carla's Song Mike Gonzalez reports from the set of Ken Loach's new film **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight
10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Curtain with the Knot in It,
11.00 Week Ending. The topical comedy sketch show returns, with Sally Grace and Toby Longworth
11.25 Tea Junction. A sceptical look at the week's events
11.45 A Cry in the Dark. See Choice (2/5)
12.00 News incl **12.27am** approx Weather)
12.30 The Late Book
12.48 Shipping Forecast **1.00 As World Service**

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Low-level London fantasy is mere kids' stuff

REVIEW

Lynne Truss

Rats and heights, rats and heights. That's what the doe-eyed Scot, Richard (Gary Bakewell), admitted he was scared of, at the beginning of the quite appalling new fantasy drama series **Neverwhere** (BBC2) last night. *Neverwhere* began with a short, jumpy, and promisingly stylish chat to camera from Richard which held important clues, and cunningly bypassed the usual dramatic methods of characterisation. For example, Richard had lived in London two years ("Er, I've lived in London two years"), and was no longer intimidated by the Underground ("I don't get lost on the Underground any more"). He collected little plastic trolls (yes, *trolls* — making him the last man on Earth to do so). And, as already mentioned, he was scared of rats and heights.

Neverwhere has been hyped as a brand new drama form — a cross between comic-strip, *Dr Who* and Emile Zola (the first two being well-known excuses for terrible dialogue, cheap sets and curiously deserted exteriors). Richard is drawn underground to a world of pipes and ladders with haughty, dreadlocked dandies in leather trenchcoats, leadenly comic heavies in plastic macs, and Trevor Peacock done up like a fat pigeon in a Mongol hat. They have names like Marquis de Carabas, and to Richard's distaste, some of their best friends are rats. "Fiefdoms" and "baronies" are regularly mentioned but not explained. In short, imagery-wise, it's as though somebody had heard a Terry Gilliam film described, but never actually seen one.

Anyway, Richard is the hero, we must keep remembering, which is difficult because he's so normal and boring ("I'm normal and boring"). But boring or not, Richard is aware of the homeless on the streets of London, and helps an injured girl called Door, after which there is no going back (she's a one-way Door!). But he should stick with his plastic trolls, because the real troglodytes are so naff they are unspeakable. "Who have you brought us, Iliaster?" demands the mighty Lord Rat-Speaker, in a thinly imagined and badly lit subterranean setting which no amount of scarlet smoke and kettle drum can make exciting. "Talk!" he commands. "Talk, talk!" If this sort of thing sounds familiar instead of startlingly innovative, so it ought. This is children's television! Ha ha ha. And the guys at the BBC fell for it.

There were two good things about *Neverwhere*. One was it was only half-an-hour. The other was that a good idea was *buried in it*, about homeless people *being virtually invisible*. In the best sequence last night, Richard hailed taxis that didn't stop, and talked to old mates in the office who couldn't see him. I expect his surname — Mayhew — was significant rather than accidental, too, since he'll be investigating London labour and London poor, like his famous namesake who dirtied his notepad among the mudlarks and crossing-sweepers.

But I'm grasping at proverbial wisps here, and fooling nobody. *Neverwhere* stinks. I watched it twice and it didn't get better. How can you forgive a script with no wit in it? Neil Gaiman, its writer and co-deviser, may be a whiz at comic strips (I wouldn't know), but his dialogue makes you remember why writers have not yet been replaced by machines. Why does Richard keep getting his fiancée's name wrong? (He calls her "Jess" instead of Jessica, as if he's only just met her.) And another thing. Door knows so little of the "upworld" that she runs to the window saying "Which barony is this?" and calls Richard "Richard Richard Mayhew Dick" because that's how he lengthily introduces himself. Yet when he says "Let's call the police", she says "Per-lease! Gimme a break!" — which is *slightly odd vocabulary* for Narnia or wherever it is she comes from.

I learnt that "widdershins" means anti-clockwise, but I'm *snatching air again*. Lenny Henry is the man *behind it*, apparently because he loves comic strips. But don't people love comic strips for the artwork, generally?

Having missed the first **Hello Girls** (BBC1), I caught up with episode two. *Hello Girls* is as fluffy as the angora sweater Letitia Dean supposedly bought with her first GPO wage packet, but at least it's perfectly judged — the period look, the period speech, and the clever use of "Trying to connect you" when there's nothing else to say. It's a real success. Dean wiggles her hips and makes excellent kiss-me fish lips at her Bakelite mouth piece ("I'm sorry, the line is engaged"), while the new-girl heroine, Sylvia (Amy Marston), wrestles with her political conscience, symbolised by footwear. Is she a white stiletto, or a brown brogue? Cleverly, she wears grey socks with both, and keeps her options open. Nobody has mentioned deodorant yet, which is my only quibble. Jammed together in summer with six colleagues all with their arms up and down all day — let's just say the issue would be bound to come up.

Meanwhile **The X Files** returned at last (BBC1), as confusing and hilarious as ever, with lots of people being murdered for a digital tape and Scully (Gillian Anderson) discovering a microchip sewn into her neck. Mulder hovered between life and death in a teepee, nursed by a wise old Indian who found him in the desert pinpointed by circling buzzards. I'm not making this up. Three days his fever lasted: days of sand painting and leaf-dressing and wise old baloney of all sorts, after which Mulder sat up and asked for a glass of water. Typical of the convoluted *X Files*, this. If they had only given him a glass of water to start with, none of the rest would have been necessary.

6.00am Business Breakfast (78690) **7.00 BBC Breakfast News** (Ceefax) (49348) **9.00 Breakfast News Extra** (Ceefax) (8559313)

9.20 Style Challenge (1958067) **9.45 Kilroy** (1264313) **10.30 Can't Cook, Won't Cook** (12665) **11.00 News** and weather (4626145)

11.05 Phantom of the Opera. (1/2) Romantic drama based on Gaston Leroux's classic tale about a masked figure who haunts the Paris Opera House hoping to win the heart of the only woman he ever loved. With Burt Lancaster (r) (Ceefax) (55661684)

12.50pm Mary Berry's Ultimate Cakes (19193619)

1.00 News & Weather (42435)

1.30 Regional News and Weather (45206023)

1.40 Neighbours. See 5.35 (Ceefax) (s) (32574042) **2.00 Call My Bluff** (6212435) **2.35 Turnabout** (1778313) **3.00 Peter Seabrook's Gardening Week** (1145)

3.30 The Animals of Farthing Wood (8639955) **3.55 Dear Mr Barker** (6119868) **4.10 To Me... to You** (7566684) **4.35 Grange Hill** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (4855690) **5.00 Newsround** (Ceefax) (7945706) **5.10 Blue Peter** (2585685)

5.35 Neighbours. Luke gears up to join the boys in blue, Libby is upset over Brett. With Brett Blewitt (r) (Ceefax) (s) (822313)

6.00 News and weather (Ceefax) (313)

6.30 Regional news (665)

7.00 Muppets Tonight! (Ceefax) (s) (286058)

7.25 Top of the Pops. This week's best-selling singles, live performances and pre-chart exclusives (364771)

8.00 Safe and Sound: Spare Parts. Comedy series about two men who find the path to true love paved with obstacles. With Sean McGinley, Des McAleer (Ceefax) (s) (2874)

8.30 Keeping Up Appearances. Richard is worried that Hyacinth's attendance at a classy auction is going to cost him a lot of money. With Patricia Routledge, Clive Swift and Judy Cornwell (r) (Ceefax) (s) (8481)

9.00 Nine O'Clock News, regional news and weather (2619)

9.30 Dangerfield: Tricks. A routine police examination of a suicide leads Dangerfield to a rather bizarre and dangerous conclusion. With Nigel Le Vaillant, Denise Black, Michael Melia, Fiona Victory, Tim Vincent and Tamzin Malleson (Ceefax) (s) (421348)

10.20 Parkinson: the Interviews — Billy Connolly. (Ceefax) (478416)

11.05 FILM: The Dirty Dozen: The Next Mission (1985) Action adventure set in 1944. With Ernest Borgnine, Lee Marvin. Directed by Andrew V McLaglen (Ceefax) (376874)

12.35 FILM: And Now the Screaming Starts (1973) Horror starring Peter Cushing. A young bride unwittingly marries into a family that is cursed. Directed by Roy Ward Baker (2503630)

2.00am-2.05 Weather (5419172)

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6.00am Open University: Cell Biology (2280313) **6.25 Hardwick Hall** (2372348) **6.50 The Church of Santa Maria dei Miracoli, Venice** (1946351) **7.15 See Hear Breakfast News** (8671042)

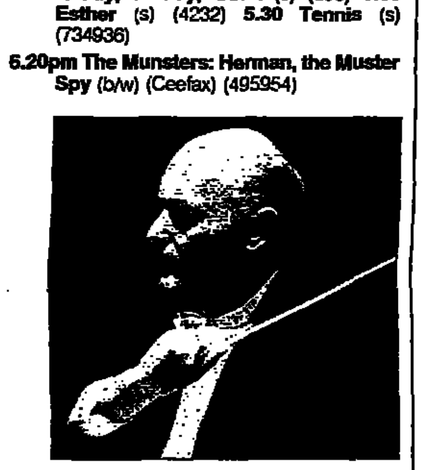
7.30 Alvin and the Chipmunks (9096232) **7.55 Cartoon Critters** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2182868) **8.20 Secret Life of Toys** (r) (s) (6149435) **8.35 Lassie** (r) (2544042)

9.00 Blitz on Cartooning (r) (s) (14023) **9.30 Brainwaves** (6219665) **9.35 Today's Gourmet** (r) (5997990) **10.00 Playdays** (s) (3747752) **10.25 A Question of Sport's Golden Oldies** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3757139) **10.55 The Wreck of the Stella** (9677145) **11.45 The Perfect Pickle Programme** (r) (s) (982023) **12.15pm Young Man and His Dog** (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2712868) **1.00 The World of Wines** (40077) **1.30 Working Lunch** (34329) **2.00 Secret Life of Toys** (r) (s) (50048139)

2.15 Tennis and Racing from Goodwood. Quarter-final action from the Bournemouth International Open. Plus the **2.40; 3.10** and **3.40** races from Goodwood. Includes News and Weather at **2.55** (942435)

3.55 News and Weather (Ceefax) (4782042) **4.00 Today's the Day** (s) (706) **4.30 Ready, Steady, Cook** (s) (690) **5.00 Esther** (s) (4232) **5.30 Tennis** (s) (734936)

5.20pm The Munsters: Herman, the Muster Spy (b/w) (Ceefax) (495954)



Sir Georg Solti conducts (6.45pm)

6.45 BBC Proms 1996. In commemoration of the centenary of Bruckner's death, his choral music is performed by the BBC Singers under Jane Glover; plus Beethoven's Ninth (s) (75402961)

NB: Subsequent programmes may run late

9.00 Bottom: Carnival. Eddie and Richie seize the opportunity to grab a view minutes of television fame (r) (Ceefax) (s) (3961)

9.30 Pulp Video (42394)

10.00 The Fall Guy. Danny Brown teaches Britain's middle management how to get ahead in business (73936)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceefax) (996042)

11.15 The Larry Sanders Show Phil wants the job of head writer that Larry has advertised on air (825665)

11.40 Seinfeld: The Movie. Jerry is frustrated when he tries to squeeze in two comedy appearances on opposite sides of town (437684)

12.05am Grace under Fire (1979917)

12.30 FILM: La Collectionneuse (1967) starring Haydée Politoff. An antique dealer and an artist share a villa in St Tropez with a girl who tries to seduce a different man every night. Directed Eric Rohmer (36153) Ends at **2.00**

CHOICE

TFI Friday
Channel 4, 6.00pm

It is in the nature of a live show that its contents are not finally decided until close to transmission but expect the same basic mix of music acts, celebrities and stunts as in the previous series. As before the mix will be stirred by Chris Evans, the anchorman of the ginger hair and manic style, whose mere presence is a guarantee that the proceedings will be noisy, frenetic and cheeky or infantile, according to taste. The new series has much to live up to. Last time Blur, Simply Red, Pulp and Van Morrison were among the musical turns, while Ron Atkinson from football was a rare representative of the over-50 generation. But the bits regular viewers will probably remember most are Jon Bon Jovi burning his initials into the studio table with a blow torch and Cher pretending to be a suburban housewife.

BBC Proms 1996
BBC2, 6.45pm

The penultimate night of the Proms is not the razzle-dazzle affair that the Last Night is but this year, at least, it is no less deserving of attention. For one thing the Chicago Symphony Orchestra is back, after a gap of seven years, under its conductor laureate, Sir Georg Solti. For another, the main work is Beethoven's Symphony No 9, which has been part of the Proms repertoire since 1898 and is restored to its traditional place in the concert schedule. In the interval James Naughtie talks to Solti about the orchestra and the symphony and there are extracts from a 1972 *Omnibus* film on Solti's work in Chicago. The first half of the concert comprises pieces by Anton Bruckner, including motets and the Prelude and Fugue in C Minor played by the organist John Scott and conducted by Jane Glover.

Safe and Sound: Spare Parts
BBC1, 8.00pm

Timothy Prager's Irish comedy should perhaps have been scheduled on BBC2 than on BBC1, where expectations may be rather for humour broader and more obvious. But it has settled well into its understated mode and become stronger with each episode. To an extent it encapsulates the age-old Irish joke about characters who are better at talking their way through life than coping with its practical necessities. But the writing has been rich enough to bring the formula up fresh and the casting, particularly of Des McAleer and Sean McGinley as the Belfast motor mechanics with their turbulent domestic relationships, is spot-on. The series signs off with a plot as expertly constructed as that of any French farce involving scam, counter-scam and a perfect punchline. *Safe and Sound* deserves to return.

Eurotrash
Channel 4, 11.05pm

Whether *Eurotrash* deserves another outing is a matter of opinion but here it is, back for a seventh series, determined to break what barriers of taste are still intact after the first six. The big news is that the resident French double-act has split up. Jean Paul Gaultier has found better (or perhaps worse) things to do, leaving Antoine de Caunes to hold the show together. But he will not be alone. Each week he will assisted by a guest presenter, such as Ivana Trump, Anna Nicole Smith, Damon Albarn or David Ginola from Newcastle United. Another new face, though that is not where viewers will be looking, is Lolo Ferrari. She claims to have Europe's biggest bust measurement. Other promised treats include the Finnish kissing championships and a visit to a Japanese restaurant in Germany where diners can eat off a naked woman. **Peter Waymark**

6.00am GMTV (9155435)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (Teletext) (s) (5352428) **9.55 Regional News** (3837329) **10.00 The Time... the Place** (2708077) **10.35 This Morning** (Teletext) (64450313)

12.20 Regional News (Teletext) (7147868)

12.30pm ITN News and weather (2317503)

12.55 Murder, She Wrote (8185752) **2.00 Home and Away** (97908690) **2.25 Quisine** (97918077) **2.55 Simply Delicious with Family and Friends** (1856145)

3.20 ITN News (Teletext) (7020874)

3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7029145)

3.30 NEW **Jay's World: The Lion and the Mouse.** (6298329)

3.45 Keith (s) (6113684)

4.00 NEW **Roger and the Rottentrolls: Coronation Valley.** A new comedy series for children (6106023)

4.15 Captain Simian and the Space Monkeys (Teletext) (7550023) **4.40 Fun House** (Teletext) (8625706)

5.10 A Country Practice (5170400)

5.40 ITN News and weather (Teletext) (348936)

6.00 Home and Away. Selina is shocked by Chloe's behaviour (r) (Teletext) (s) (991058)

6.25 Regional News (Teletext) (948941)

7.00 Lucky Numbers (Teletext) (s) (5394)

7.30 Coronation Street. Maxine's gig does not go as planned and Tricia has a hospital appointment (Teletext) (145)

Shaun Scott as Chris Deakin (8.00pm)

8.00 The Bill: Karma. Deakin and Boulton investigate a psychiatrist whose counselling of a female prisoner has had bizarre consequences (Teletext) (4042)

8.30 Strange but True? Encounters. Michael Aspel presents more stories of the paranormal (Teletext) (s) (6077)

9.00 Bramwell. Eleanor opens the Thrift Infirmary but discovers that trying to distinguish the deserving from the undeserving poor can be both difficult and dangerous (r) (Teletext) (s) (5058)

10.00 ITN News at Ten (Teletext) (22042)

10.30 Regional News (284874)

10.40 Late and Live (4752526) **12.10am Alfred Hitchcock Presents** (1986207) **12.40 Funny Business** (3378356) **1.15 The Good Sex Guide... Late** (s)

2.15 FILM: The Execution (1985). Five Jewish women find that their torturer from a war-time prison camp is now a successful LA restaurant owner and vow to bring him to justice. With Loretta Swift and Rip Torn. Directed by Paul Wendkos (897004)

4.05 Not Fade Away (6786172) **5.00 Best of British Motor Sport** (68608)

5.30 ITN Morning News (24559)

As HTV WEST except:

5.10pm Let's Go (3483936)

6.25-7.00 Wales Tonight (948941)

10.40 Barry Welsh is Coming (918313)

11.10 Mainly Men (641145)

11.40 Swift Justice (173135)

WESTCOUNTRY

As HTV West except:

12.25pm Illuminations (7228787)

12.55 Coronation Street (2229394)

1.25-1.55 Quisine (68186597)

1.55 Home and Away (83943085)

2.25 High Road (97918077)

2.55-3.20 Gardeners' Diary (1856145)

5.10 Home and Away (5170400)

6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (30503)

10.30 Westcountry News (102226)

10.45 Club 2245 (112077)

11.45 Highlander (228313)

CENTRAL

As HTV West except:

12.55pm Home and Away (2229394)

1.25 Quisine (68186597)

1.55 A Country Practice (32651145)

5.10 Shortland Street (5170400)

6.25-7.00 Central News and Weather (948941)

10.40 FILM: My Blue Heaven (58573435)

12.25am Sledge Hammer (1177849)

12.50 Comedy Central (1599714)

1.45 The Good Sex Guide... Late (5410375)

2.50 cyber.cafe (8018191)

3.15 Helter Skelter (6734998)

4.05 Jobfinder (8567714)

5.20 Asian Eye (9880424)

MERIDIAN

As HTV West except:

12.55pm-1.25 Quisine (2229394)

1.25 Home and Away (68186597)

1.55 Shortland Street (32651145)

5.10 Home and Away (5170400)

5.37 Three Minutes — Your Story (636619)

6.00 Meridian Tonight (481)

6.30-7.00 Southampton International Boat Show (961)

10.30 Meridian News and Weather (102226)

10.45 The Specialists (145145)

11.15 A406 (142058)

11.45 Hunter (228313)

5.00am Freescreen (68608)

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Starts: 6.35 The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (8823844) **7.00 The Big Breakfast** (32058) **9.00 FILM: Anthony Adverse** (84651787) **11.35 Cops** (5351955) **12.00pm Sesame Street** (32961) **1.00 Slot Meithrin: Bwgan a Pingu** (35145) **1.30 Chasing Shadows** (5522232) **2.25 Channel 4 Racing from Doncaster** (85993394) **4.30 Strictly Dancing** (918) **5.00 5 Pump: Tosia** (8171597) **5.15 5 Pump: Tarol Tarol** (7844023) **5.30 Countdown** (110) **6.00 Newyddion 6/ News** (277400) **6.15 Heno** (891435) **7.00 Pobol Y Cwm** (106868) **7.25 Cwist** (357481) **8.00 Clwb Garddio** (2684) **8.30 Newyddion/ News** (4619) **9.00 The Celluloid Closet** (3400) **10.00 Brookside** (20684) **10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway?** (347232) **11.05 Eurotrash** (640416) **11.35 T.F.I. Friday** (867961) **12.40am FILM: Strangers on a Train** (873917) **2.30 FILM: Le Baccanti** (748743)

6.35am The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (r) (8823844)

7.00 The Big Breakfast (32058)

9.00 FILM: Anthony Adverse (1936) Wide-ranging epic based on Hervey Allen's 19th-century adventurer. With Fredric March, Olivia de Havilland, Claude Rains and Gale Sondergaard. Directed by Mervyn LeRoy (84651787)

11.35 Domo. Animation (8553690)

11.45 Over My Dead Body (r) (9732077)

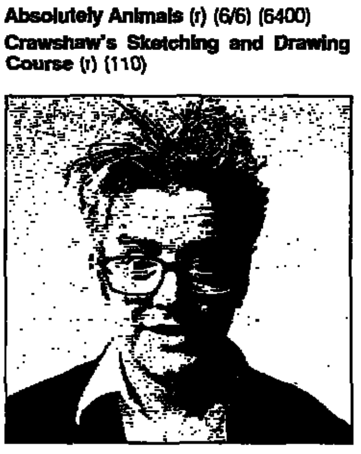
12.30pm Garden Party (r) (57226) **1.00 Sesame Street** (45481) **2.00 Reel Truth?** (4/4) (5348)

2.30 Channel 4 Racing (96315)

4.30 Countdown (918)

5.00 Absolutely Animals (r) (6/6) (6400)

5.30 Crawshaw's Sketching and Drawing Course (r) (110)



The return of Chris Evans (6.00pm)

6.00 T.F.I Friday. Chris Evans returns with more music, celebrities and stunts (38145)

7.00 Channel 4 News (678367) **7.55 Books of the Century** (527077)

8.00 Garden Party. From the Priory Garden, Kemerton, Hereford and Worcester (2684)

8.30 Brookside. Lindsey is trying to forget the past but can Mike? David is impressed as Sammy prepares to do battle with the authorities (4619)

9.00 Cybill: Going Out With a Bang. Mad but winningly wisecracking comedy. Can this be true love for Cybill and Maryann? With Cybill Shepherd and Christine Baranski (5329)

9.30 Friends: The One With the Prom Video. An old home video of prom night shows Monica and Rachel preparing for the prom as well as showing a side of Ross thatRachel finds hard to resist. With Courteney Cox, Jennifer Aniston and David Schwimmer (33690)

10.00 Frasier: It's Hard to Say Goodbye If You Won't Leave. Frasier realises he has strong feelings for Kate, just as she announces she is relocating to Chicago. (20684)

10.30 Whose Line Is It Anyway? (347232)

11.05 Eurotrash. Antoine de Caunes is back for a seventh series (1/6) (640416)

11.35 T.F.I. Friday. As 6pm (r) (867961)

12.40 FILM: Strangers on a Train (1951) with Robert Walker and Farley Granger. Classic suspense thriller about a charming, dangerous psychopath. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock (873917)

2.30 FILM: Le Baccanti (1961) with Taina Elg and Pierre Brice. Toga and torso reworking of Euripides's *The Bacchantes* Directed by Giorgio Ferroni. In Italian with English subtitles. (748743) Ends at **4.20am**

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SKY ONE

7.00am Undun (89936) **9.00** Press Your Luck (7182874) **9.20** Love Connection (8735665) **9.45** Oprah Winfrey (1118435) **10.40** Jeopardy! (6523226) **11.10** Sally Jessy Raphael (9467890) **12.00** Geraldo (36139) **1.00pm** Animal Practice (82023) **1.30** Designing Women (72503) **2.00** Jenny Jones (49874) **3.00** Court TV (1874) **3.30** Oprah Winfrey (1139348) **4.15** Undun (76723329) **5.00** Quantum Leap (9226) **6.00** Beverly Hills 90210 (85023) **7.00** LAPD (3905) **7.30** M*A*S*H (9868) **8.00** Just Kidding (2503) **8.30** Jimmy's (8110) **9.00** Walker, Texas Ranger (28706) **10.00** Quantum Leap (25665) **11.00** Highlander (92400) **12.00** Midnight Caller (84086) **1.00am** LAPD (49578) **1.30** Anything But Love (56356) **2.00** Hit Mix Long Play (28559)

SKY 2

7.00pm The Simpsons (1580042) **7.30** Sea Rescue (6780313) **8.00** Nowhere Man (4370955) **9.00** Models Inc (4363619) **10.00** Fire (4366706) **11.00** Late Show, with David Letterman (7084905) **12.00** Hit Mix Long Play (3897801)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour

6.00am Sunrise (9920077) **9.30** Century (48394) **10.30** ABC Nightline (56023) **1.30pm** CBS News (22868) **2.30** CBS News (23930) **3.30** Century (7690) **6.30** Tonight, with Adam Boulton (1226) **7.30** Sportsline (12348) **8.30** Entertainment (6752) **11.30** CBS News (86110) **12.30am** ABC World News (926461) **1.30** Tonight, with Adam Boulton Replay (81801) **2.30** Worldwide Report (10998) **3.30** Century (15443) **4.30** CBS News (37578) **5.30** ABC World News (66559)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am The Cat and the Canary (1979) (36145) **8.00 Challenge to Be Free (1972)** (67226) **10.00 Sacred Ground (1983)** (84348) **12.00 The Double Man (1967)** [illegible] (1960) (12145) **(1993)** (31226) **10.00 The Mangler (1994)** (714023) **11.45 Showdown in Little Tokyo (1991)** (221431) **1.05am Invisible: The Chronicles of Benjamin Knight (1993)** (7692559) **2.25 Betrayal of the Dove (1992)** (596998) **4.00-6.00 Roadracers (1994)** (26191)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

12.00 A Damsel in Distress (1937) (43936) **2.00pm Thunder Bay (1953)** (94787) **4.00 Mildred Pierce (1945)** (5787) **6.00 Cowboy (1957)** (54333) **8.00 Clara's Heart (1988)** (13868) **10.00 Fatal Beauty (1987)** (887431) **11.50 Friday the 13th Part VI: Jason Lives (1986)** (609394) **1.20am Hush, Hush, Sweet Charlotte (1965)** (15219199) **3.30-4.40 A Dog's Life (1918)** (7759530)

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am To See Such Fun (1977) (43706) **7.30 Oliver Twist (1987)** (33329) **9.00 High Rise Donkey (1980)** (68771) **10.00 This is My Affair (1937)** (75690) **12.00 Sons and Lovers (1960)** (51619) **2.00pm Family Prayers (1991)** (10787) **4.00 Oliver Twist (1987)** (5400) **6.00 The Steal (1995)** (50752) **7.30 UK Top Ten** (8706) **8.00 The Scout (1994)** (39868) **10.00 The Road to Wellville (1994)** (90435) **12.00 Undercover Blues (1993)** (610075) **1.35am O Lucky Man! (1973)** (69644356) **4.30-6.00 To See Such Fun (1977)** (23375)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm to 4am.

6.00am Bonkers (1662684) **6.25** Mouse Tracks (1754619) **6.50** Darkwing Duck (3345416) **7.15** Quack Attack (3088508) **7.40** Aladdin (1891042) **8.05** Timon and Pumbaa (7578145) **8.30** Bonkers (77665) **9.00** Sing Me a Story, with Belle (64145) **9.30** Lamb Chops Play Along! (91856) **10.00** Muppet Babies (56400) **10.30** Adventures in Wonderland (60329) **11.00** Quack Attack (74481) **11.30** Under the Umbrella Tree (75110) **12.00** Fraggle Rock (71481) **12.30pm** Lamb Chops Play Along! (91892) **1.00** Timon and Pumbaa (75077) **1.30** Aladdin (41333) **2.00** Darkwing Duck (9936) **2.30** Groundling Marsh (8313) **3.00** Quack Attack (7217868) **3.25** Mouse Tracks (7392503) **3.50** Darkwing Duck (2350955) **4.15** Bonkers (8924684) **4.35** Timon and

Cheque (67351) **8.00 FILM: Freaky Friday** (46836706) **9.35-10.00** Home Improvement (806597)

EUROSPORT

7.30am Cycling (33771) **8.00** Football (73482) **10.00** Tennis — Live (52874) **12.00** Tractor Pulling (55961) **1.00pm** Mountain-bike (68481) **2.00** Cycling (9348) **2.30** Cycling — Live (77955) **4.00** International Motorsports Report (25145) **5.00** Football (36348) **7.00** Four-wheels (7936) **7.30** Truck Racing (9690) **8.00** Tractor Pulling (65936) **9.00** Sumo (79400) **10.00** Golf (52787) **11.00-12.30am** Cycling (84329)

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Sports Centre (36868) **7.30** Wrestling — Action Zone (93771) **8.30** Racing News (46771) **9.00** Sports Centre (37023) **9.30** Aerobics (74042) **10.00** Formula Three Racing (4647436) **10.25** Cricket: Britannic Assurance Championship — Live (85922684) **6.00pm** Sports Centre (66077) **7.00** Golf USA: The President's Cup — Live (8805226) **11.00** Sports Centre (18416) **12.00** Hold the Back Page (68288) **1.00am** Wrestling (68714) **2.00** Sports Centre (12608) **3.00-4.00** Rugby (26998)

SKY SPORTS 2

8.00pm Rugby (8189077) **9.00** Basketball: Season Preview (8096313) **10.00** Wrestling (8099400) **11.00** Superstars (4290690) **12.30-1.00am** Cue Masters (5371207)

SKY SPORTS 3

12.00 ASP Surfing (77543690) **1.00pm** Golf USA: The President's Cup — Live (70417232) **5.00** World Sports Special (66650936) **5.30** Finish Line (16005630) **6.00** Trans World Sport (77549874) **7.00** Friday Night Football: Huddersfield v Oldham — Live (80919752) **10.00-12.00** Australian Rules Football (52580023)

THE CHRISTIAN CHANNEL

4.00am Thought for the Day **4.05** Worship **4.15** Kidz TV **4.30** Christian Entertainment **5.00** Voice of Victory **5.30** Christian Music TV **5.45** Today **6.15** This Is Your Day **6.45-7.00** Good Morning Europe

SKY SOAP

7.00am Guiding Light (6107313) **7.55** As

Joan Crawford stars in *Mildred Pierce* (Sky Movies Gold, 4.00pm)

SKY TRAVEL

11.00pm Boomerang (6892400) **11.30** American Vacation (3588329) **12.30am** Eat America (7250868) **1.00** Getaway (4315394) **1.30** Great Escapes (7259139) **2.00** Florida (5765684) **2.30** Cruising the Globe (6790232) **3.00** Globetrotter (5857619) **3.30-4.00** Around the World

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

4.00pm Biography (8893752) **5.00** Ancient Mysteries (5768771) **6.00** Weapons at War (7331787) **7.00-8.00** Biography: Outlaws and Villains (6170329)

THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

Films, features and classic series every day from **8pm-4am** Monday - Wednesday and **1am-4am** Thursday - Sunday on satellite, and from **8am-4am** every day on cable **1.00am** Friday the 13th (5990714) **1.55** Friday the 13th (1462917) **2.50** Friday the 13th (5090530) **3.40-4.00** The Making of Lord of Illusions (73540153)

TLC

Country (2215058) **10.30** Home Again, with Bob Vila (4977416) **11.00** Furniture to Go (4061706) **11.30** Room Service (4062435) **12.00** Julia Child (4895868) **12.30pm** The Frugal Gourmet (5717400) **1.00** Simply Delicious Versatile Vegetables (4997232) **1.30** This Old House (5716771) **2.00** This Old House (4511313) **2.30** Garden Club (2832232) **3.00** Rex Hunt's Fishing Adventures (4603348) **3.30-4.00** This Old House, with Steve and Norm (2844077)

UK GOLD

7.00am Lassie (4907619) **7.30** Give Us A Clue (4813226) **8.00** Neighbours (2945145) **8.25** EastEnders (2053400) **9.00** The Bill (4973690) **9.30** The Sullivans (5715042) **10.00** Poldark (4802110) **11.00** Bullseye (4967936) **11.30** Tellystack (4968665) **12.00** Sale of the Century (4897226) **12.30pm** Neighbours (5899058) **1.00** EastEnders (8338771) **1.35** Bread (8285752) **2.15** The Liver Birds (6825706) **2.50** Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em (6961955) **3.30** The Bill (2946435) **4.00** Howards' Way (4054416) **5.00** Bullseye (4504023) **5.30** George and Mildred (2845706) **6.00**

8.25 Ever Decreasing Circles (3151665) **9.00** Casualty (19738400) **10.05** The Bill (9463481) **10.40** Roland Rivron Bites the Bullet (5138752) **11.15** Live at Jongleurs (4604023) **11.45** Miami Vice (3416597) **12.40am FILM: Child's Play** (25807153) **1.55** Shopping (45823733)

TCC

6.00am Swan's Crossing (1757706) **6.20** Meltdown: Teenage Urban Adventures (1655394) **6.45** Degrassi Junior High (613481) **7.15** Ready or Not (610394) **7.45** California Dreams (619665) **8.15** Sweet Valley High (157400) **8.45** Art Attack (4807868) **9.00** Tiny and Crew (46023) **11.00** Dinobabies (87955) **11.30** Jim Henson's Animal Show (88684) **12.00** Barney (84855) **12.30pm** Oscar's Orchestra (12226) **1.00** Casper and Friends (75023) **1.30** Tiny and Crew (16503) **3.00** Degrassi Junior High (7145) **3.30** Ready or Not (9232) **4.00** California Dreams (2139) **4.30-5.00** Sweet Valley High (1023)

NICKELODEON

6.00am Turtles (82329) **6.30** Biker Mice from Mars (95023) **7.00** Rocko (27110) **7.30** Rugrats (19145) **8.00** Doug (45042) **8.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (44313) **9.00** Carmen Sandiego (35665) **9.30** Wishbone (72684) **10.00** Bananas in Pyjamas (3015400) **10.10** Richard Scarry (4790771) **10.35** Mr Men (6004706) **10.40** Henry's Cat (6001619) **10.45** Bananas in Pyjamas (3173771) **11.00** BBC Block (22665) **12.00** Clarissa Explains It All (28329) **12.30pm** Sister Sister (76400) **1.00** Babar (26481) **1.30** Littlest Pet Shop (75771) **2.00** Little Bear Stories (9394) **2.30** BBC Block (52706) **3.30** Aaahh!!! Real Monsters (3416) **4.00** Insektors (3389416) **4.15** Technik (3206139) **4.30** Rugrats (8921665) **4.45** Doug (8022348) **5.00** Sister Sister (6874) **5.30** Sister Sister (2787) **6.00** Space Cases (9400) **6.30** Smash Hits (2892)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Bush Pilots of Alaska (4052058) **5.00** Time Travellers (4502665) **5.30** Jurassica (2843348) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (5805619) **7.00** Wild Things: Crocodile (4695329) **7.30** Mysterious Forces Beyond (2757597) **8.00** Natural Born Killers (5824110) **9.00** Justice Files (5917874) **10.00** Top Marques: Vauxhall (4896597) **10.30** Top Marques: Alfa Romeo (4978145)

BRAVO

12.00 Fantasy Island (5898961) **1.00pm** Remington Steele (5709481) **2.00** The New Avengers (2130313) **3.00** Land of the Giants (4080077) **4.00 FILM: Foreign Intrigue** (4694690) **6.00** Thunderbirds (5892145) **7.00** Monkey (5915416) **8.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) (5828936) **9.00** Starsky and Hutch (5831400) **10.00-12.00 FILM: Breakout** (4069348)

PARAMOUNT

7.00pm Family Ties (3110) **7.30** Entertainment (6936) **8.00** Wings (2058) **8.30** Laverne and Shirley (8665) **9.00** Soap (27503) **9.30** Taxi (63936) **10.00** Entertainment (29058) **10.30** The A List (38708) **11.00** Sledgehammer (39348) **11.30** Frontline (88787) **12.00** Bob (19265) **12.30am** I Love Lucy (54240) **1.00** Soap (50608) **1.30** Taxi (90714) **2.00** Entertainment (94527) **2.30** Sledgehammer (80202) **3.00** The A List (63172) **3.30-4.00** Wings

UK LIVING

6.00am Kilroy (4841874) **7.00** Esther (8638787) **7.30** Young and Restless (2358597) **8.20** Michael Barry (1904394) **8.55** Catchword (8908706) **9.35** Call the Doctor (2991232) **10.00** Entertainment Now! (8839503) **10.05** Jerry Springer (1986503) **11.00** Young and Restless (7218936) **11.55** Good Food (48066690) **12.25pm** Trivial Pursuit (41051665) **12.50** Gabrielle (7437868) **1.40** Rolonda (9880905) **2.30** Agony Experience (2178058) **3.00** Live at Three (9351110) **4.00** Who's Sorry Now? (2089110) **4.30** Talkabout (4325787) **5.05** Lingo (66532597) **5.30** Lucky Ladders (2172874) **6.00** Bewitched (2179787) **6.30** Ready, Steady, Cook (6650329) **7.05** The New Mr and Mrs Show (3681232) **7.35** Trivial Pursuit (2250226) **8.00** Street Legal (3016752) **9.00 FILM: Tricks of the Trade** (91338139) **10.50** Entertainment Now! (2582313) **11.00-12.00** The Erogenous Zone

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00pm Blockbusters (2690) **5.30** Treasure Hunt (56145) **6.30** Catchphrase (3868) **7.00** Through the Keyhole (8226) **7.30** Sweet Justice (98752) **8.30** Rising Damp (4481) **9.00** Hart to Hart (91690) **10.00** The Ruth Rendell Mysteries: Shake Hands Forever (96357) **11.00** Duty Free (79936) **11.30** (60356) **4.00** All Together Now (21795) **4.30-5.00** The Black Stallion (61117)

MTV

8.00am Morning Mix (227771) **11.00** Dance Floor (73665) **12.00** Greatest Hits (92049) **1.00pm** Music Non-Stop (59597) **3.00** Select MTV (64058) **4.00** Hanging Out (70665) **5.00** The Grind (1348) **5.30** Dial MTV (6801) **6.00** MTV Hot (7874) **6.30** News Weekend Edition (5226) **7.00** Dance Floor Chart (79176) **8.00** Festivals 1996 Uncut (17684) **9.00** Singled Out (72077) **9.30** Amour (28464) **10.30** Chere MTV (69690) **11.00** Party Zone (65619) **1.00am** Videos (9881191) **5.00** Awake on the Wildside

VH-1

7.00am Power Breakfast (97758503) **9.00** Cafe VH-1 (81089936) **12.00** Heart and Soul (33893787) **1.00pm** The Vinyl Years (33802435) **2.00** Ten of the Best (30846684) **3.00** Into the Music (42953110) **6.00** Happy Hour (33719771) **7.00** VH-1 to You (85047503) **8.00** Sounds of the '70s (89064665) **8.30** Weekend Review (69076400) **9.00** Ten of the Best (85043787) **10.00** The Vinyl Years (85046874) **11.00** Around and Around (97672139) **12.00** The Nightfly Rocks (83514559) **2.00am** Dawn Patrol (20959066)

ZEE TV

7.00am Jaagran (42074936) **7.30** Lifestyle East (43361752) **8.30** Campus (53378665) **9.00** Shri Krishna (53463145) **9.30** Yaadon Ke Rang (11571315) **10.00** Hastatein (89094684) **10.30** Darya (53469329) **11.00** Zaike Ka Safar (46451905) **11.30** Teri Bhi Chup Meri Bhi Chup (45001464) **12.00** Andaz (53370481) **12.30pm** Talaash (17971351) **1.00 FILM:** TBA (12631787) **4.00** Mera Saath Chal (33115868) **4.30** Sona Chandi (33104752) **5.00** Zee Zone (14534874) **5.30** Zee Presents (61739085) **6.30** Zee and U (33116597) **7.00** BBCD (14441110) **7.30** Aahaa (33105481) **8.00** News (14530058) **8.00** Antakshari (30306058) **9.00** Madhuri Dixit (87007049)

CARTOON NETWORK/TNT

Continuous cartoons from 5am to 7pm, then TNT films as below.

8.00pm WCW Nitro on TNT (84329597) **9.00 The Power (1968)** (84322684) **11.00 Hit Man (1972)**

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Langer putting new approach to the test

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Sapsford scales new heights on Bournemouth clay

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 13 1996

United discover true measure of champions

The failure of Alex Ferguson's team to impress in Turin shows it still has some way to go before matching the best in Europe says **Rob Hughes**

It is well past midnight in Turin. Manchester United have been defeated and dispatched back to their English kingdom, and the *cognoscenti* are gathered at Ristorante Urbani in the centre of the city, where their meal is accompanied by a screening of Juventus's 1-0 victory in the European Cup Champions' League two hours earlier. Sitting among them, almost oblivious to the excitement, is Zinedine Zidane, whose touch on the ball, whose cutting pass had rendered Manchester United's defence as thin as the Turin Shroud. Unmolested, unmoved, Zidane still has his Juventus tracksuit on. He is deep in conversation with his family, Frenchmen of Algerian descent, while behind him, the television shows him producing the defining moment of the game.

Here is the player, six years the junior of Eric Cantona, whose inventiveness helps to keep "our" Frenchman out of the France team. He is unlike Cantona: he is no actor, no film-maker, no philosopher. Zidane, 24, is simply an artist of the football field, raised on the game in the streets of Marseilles. Since he made the goal, why should he need to see the replay?

It is the cruellest lesson for United that their defeat came from the pass of a Frenchman and the finish of a Croatian, Alen Boksic. Were we not led to believe that once the restriction on foreigners was removed, England's teams could come out to play on an even field?

The next morning, close to dawn, Gianni Agnelli, whose family fortune has been buying exceptional footballers for Juventus for half a century, enthused over his latest purchase. "Platini told me in the summer: 'You should get this boy, he will give you great pleasure'," Agnelli, who had been at the match despite recently undergoing heart surgery, said. As long as he breathes, the septuagenarian Agnelli will covet playmakers, seeking to find another in the mould of Michel Platini.

According to the Italian media, Agnelli has handed Juventus over to his brother, Umberto. It would be like handing over a mistress. Juventus is the senior Agnelli's lifelong distraction, and he acknowledges as much.

"Zidane is very high quality and with passes like that I would think Boksic, if he scores every time as he did on Wednesday night, could be as good as [Marco] van Basten," Agnelli said. The Juventus paymaster had also talked to Platini, his footballing mentor, about Cantona. "Platini said that as long as Cantona stayed up front, as long as he was better supported than he was with Manchester last night, he would be excellent.

"You could see the way Cantona touches the ball what a great player he could be," Agnelli continued, "but Zidane is comparatively a young man, and now that he is here in Turin, I am sure that we will get many nights of pleasure."

Back in Manchester, Alex Ferguson, the United manager who had pursued the possibility of signing Boksic himself, was rather less charitable about the quality of the winning goal. "To lose a goal like that is irritating," he said. "The ball bounces between two of our players, no one gets to it, and you are left with a midfield player [Nicky Butt] against one of their strikers. Boksic was doing it all night, running into space."

By now Ferguson will be analysing whether, tactically as well as technically, United contributed to a downfall that truly should have been by three or four goals. The night proved, plainly and painfully, that England's supposedly supreme Premiership has leagues to go to match up to the best on the Continent. It could come down to the individual progress of two players. Zidane was spotted as a 14-year-old in one of the toughest quarters of Marseilles. He was then nurtured by Cannes and once Aimé Jacquet, the France coach, had turned his face against Cantona, he persevered with the touch and almost intuitive duo of Zidane and Youri Djorkaeff.

In England, at Manchester United, we believe we have a blossoming talent. David Beckham, 21, introduced to the England team against Ferguson's advice against Moldavia two weeks ago, produced from time to time in Turin the vision and the passing control that he possesses. One wonders whether his progress is being accelerated as alarmingly fast as Ferguson has implied, or whether, in comparison with overseas players, he is a little slow in being exposed to the wiles of the game.

Just how brightly Beckham's star will burn remains to be seen. When, in Turin, Marcello Lippi, who has reconstructed Juventus, was told by an Italian journalist that they did not look as powerful or as potent as the team that won the European Cup back in May, he retorted: "That Juventus does not exist any more, just as the Juventus of Platini has gone." Platini, the player, the artist, the mentor ... gone but never in Turin to be forgotten.

Liverpool's long wait ended by Bjornebye

My-Pa 47 0
Liverpool 1

FROM PETER BALL
IN ANJALANKOSKI
FINLAND

IN ANOTHER week of British defeat in Europe, the country must be grateful for small victories, and that was what Liverpool managed to achieve in the Saviniemi Stadium last night. Stig Inge Bjornebye's goal, Liverpool's first in four European matches, earned the win that should make the return leg of their Cup Winners' Cup first-round tie a formality, but it was a performance best described as professional rather than sparkling.

Liverpool's struggles to find their scoring touch on the Continent continued through the first half. By half-time, they had had only two serious efforts, Babb seeing his attempt kicked off the line after Jakonen had dropped Bjornebye's corner, and, two minutes before the interval, the Finland international goalkeeper redeeming himself with a fine point-blank save from Collymore.

Those moments apart, there was little to enthral the record 5,000 crowd packed into the picturesque ground, surrounded by conifers, fewer than 100 miles from the Russian border.

Liverpool, of course, have had their difficulties in Scandinavia, going out of the Uefa Cup to Brondby, of Copenhagen, last season, and being beaten just along the road at Lahti on their last visit to Finland five years ago.

Finnish football is improving, and My-Pa 47 have been leading the way. The club is almost fully professional, with only a smattering of the more usual part-timers — a postman, a soldier and a couple of students — and produced the outstanding Finnish footballer of modern times, Jari Litmanen, the Ajax forward.

They had nobody with his cutting edge last night, but they had a lot of pace in attack, where Keskitalo was well supported by players breaking from midfield, and it was as well that Wright and James were alert as some sloppy passing gave the home team opportunities for quick breaks.

Inevitably, the game had a cautious beginning. McManaman soon found that he had a man-marker, the determined Antti Pohja, and so did Fowler and Collymore. There was also a sweeper, Viljanen, and Liverpool took their time to find a way through. For all their possession, they had not fully fathomed it by the interval.

Redknapp, the last player to score for them in a European game, was left on the bench, the most expensive in Liverpool's history with Ruddock and Berger among those alongside him.

Although Liverpool had more of the ball, the clearer half-chances came at the other end. James had to race from his goal to kick clear as Keskitalo almost broke on to Hernesniemi's through pass, and, after Barnes had lost the ball, the goalkeeper was relieved to see Mahlio's shot go past the post.

For some time Liverpool's most promising moves came from the crosses of Bjornebye. After 25 minutes Viljanen sliced one past his own post. Then it was Bjornebye's corner that Jakonen dropped, and, finally, when Bjornebye went back to his own wing, his cross to the near post was met by Collymore, but the goalkeeper proved equal to it.

The pattern continued after the interval. A splendid pass by Thomas sent Bjornebye clear for a low cross, but Collymore sidefooted wide from about eight yards. It was a bad miss, and extended their goalless run in European matches to six hours, but, that landmark having been passed, the goal arrived immediately.

Obviously tired of watching his colleagues wasting the openings that he had created, Bjornebye took more direct action himself. McAteer's cross was half-cleared, and he drove it back irresistibly on the half-volley, low into the corner beyond Jakonen's reach.

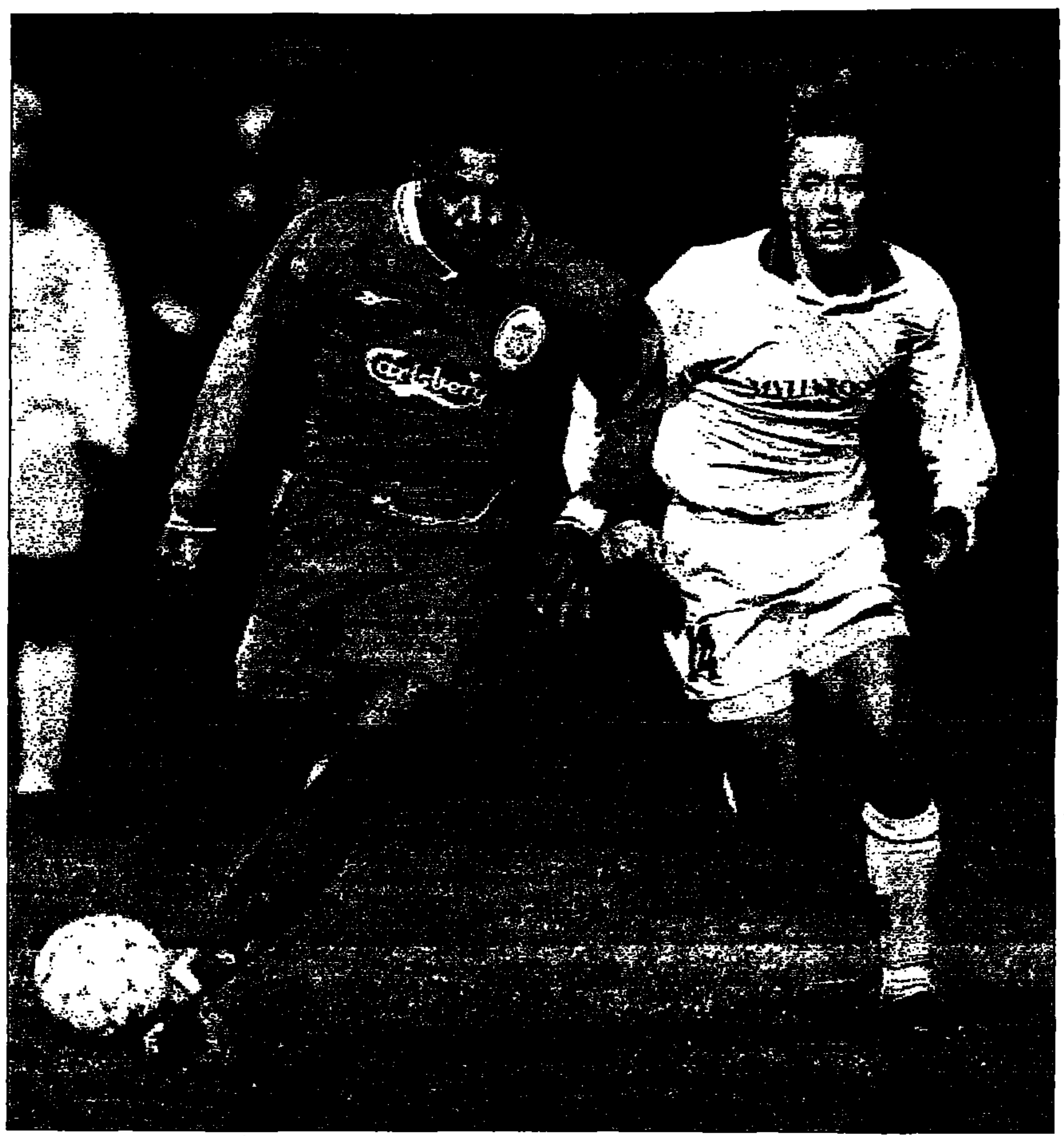
So, Bjornebye had marked his European debut for the club with a vital goal, only his second for Liverpool, but he is clearly on a roll, the first one having come against Middlesbrough at the Riverside Stadium on the first day of the FA Carling Premiership season.

That, at last, released Liverpool's inhibitions in front of goal, and Fowler and Thomas hit the woodwork with excellent efforts, a cheeky chip and a curling shot respectively, to end a mundane affair with a flourish.

MY-PA 47 (3-5-2): P Jakonen — M Hernesniemi, M Viljanen, D Mooro — T Huttunen, S Mahlo, A Pohja, N Groenholm (sub: J Jalonen, 73min), Jukka Koskinen — J Allen (sub: J Kangaskorpi, 78), M Keskitalo (sub: T Enberg, 68)

LIVERPOOL (3-5-2): D James — M Wright, D Matteo, P Babb — J McAteer, M Thomas, J Barnes, S McManaman, S I Bjornebye — S Collymore, R Fowler.

Referee: G Orrason (Iceland).



Collymore, left, breaks clear of Jukka Koskinen as Liverpool launch an attack against My-Pa 47 last night

RFU woos players with big payments

THE Rugby Football Union (RFU) waved a double-edged sword yesterday in the latest chapter in their dispute with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc). On the one hand, the union announced the postponement of the national-squad training next Wednesday; on the other, it has outlined to the players the commercial value of keeping faith with England (David Hands writes).

The first is a move designed to create breathing space for the players, of whom more than 40 failed to appear for training last week and attended, instead, a presentation by Epruc, their employers. The RFU sees no point in sustaining its schedule while the players are caught in the crossfire.

Epruc, however, will see this as an attempt to buy the players' loyalty. Each member of the squad has been sent a letter which, in effect, tells them that they can double the money available last season by playing in all of England's eight internationals between November and July. The new RFU contracts will be worth £60-70,000; players doing promotional work could get more than £100,000.

The RFU has also written to the 24 clubs to inform them, but, when the players meet Epruc today, they will be told that the issue is not one of money but of the future of professional club rugby.

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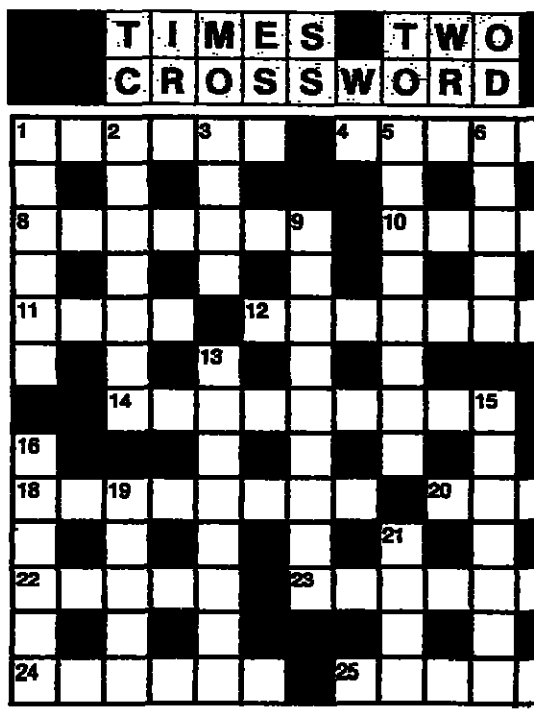

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Simmons finds happy medium to force surrender by Durham

BY MICHAEL HENDERSON

CHESTER-LE-STREET (first day of four; Durham won toss): Leicestershire, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 127 runs ahead of Durham

DURHAM hoisted the flag of surrender yesterday with a predictability that comes from constant rehearsal, though the manner of their collapse was startling even by their dismally-low standards. Leicestershire, the championship leaders, bowled them out for 126 and could win this game by tonight, and so take a decisive stride towards winning the second title in their history.

After Campbell had launched the innings with some jaunty strokes, played with the air of a man who knows that he could perish at any moment, Durham lurched from 91 for two to 101 for nine. Simmons, bowling his medium-pacers off no more than a hop, a skip and a jump, took five of those wickets and finished with the barely believable return of six for 14, easily the best of his career.

Simmons has added to his reputation this season, but he is only a useful second-string bowler, not the sort to terrify batsmen who aspire to competence. Durham, alas, have played such inept cricket this summer that Devon, the Minor Counties champions, could probably give them 50 runs and win with ease.

Their batting would have shamed a club side, and their bowling was so poor that Maddy and Smith plundered 148 for Leicestershire's second wicket in 19 overs. David Boon, the Tasmanian who joins Durham as captain next season, has already spoken, apparently without irony, of relishing their "unique situation". Does he know what sort of team he is joining?

It was no day for Stephen Harmison, a 17-year-old apprentice bricklayer, to make his championship debut. Picked for his bowling, he was batting shortly after lunch as Durham wasted the toss that Brown had won. Mullally's opening spell was awful, but the batsmen obliged his colleagues with one faulty stroke after another.

Campbell has not enjoyed batting on this poor square and he will not be unhappy to return to Barbados. His top score here remains 39 and his lack of confidence in the pitch was evident in his every twitch. Morris, the other senior batsman, has also endured a miserable year and was smartly run out from short leg as he advanced to defend against Pierson.

Maddy's swift pick-up and throw prompted one of those peculiar "huddles" that Leicestershire indulge in at the fall of each wicket. There is something ridiculous about it, as there always is when grown men behave like prep-school boys. What on earth do they talk about? The next midnight feast? Joshing the Latin beak? Perhaps they mull over Mullally's reputed salary of £50,000 a year.

Maddy and Smith carried Leicestershire past Durham in no time with a flurry of attacking strokes before they lost four wickets late in the day. They did not have to chase the bowling, as there was always one poor ball an over. Harmison went for 49 from the five overs that he was granted.

In their existing state, one should not be surprised at the sheer wretchedness of Durham's cricket. There is not much talent in this team, not much spunk and not much hope. It is all very sad.

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Smith: flurried attack

CHESTER-LE-STREET SCOREBOARD

DURHAM, First Innings

S L Campbell c Nixon b Millns	35
S Hutton c Wells b Simmons	30
†D G C Ligertwood lbw b Wells	1
J A Daley c Pierson b Simmons	14
J E Morris run out	1
M A Roseberry lbw b Simmons	0
D A Blenkiron b Mullally	3
M M Betts b Simmons	1
A Walker c Nixon b Simmons	0
*S J E Brown not out	18
S J Harmison b Simmons	6
Extras (lb 4, w 3, nb 10)	17
Total (46.3 overs)	126

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-50, 2-51, 3-91, 4-94, 5-94, 6-95, 7-97, 8-97, 9-101

BOWLING: Mullally 13-4-47-1. Parsons 11-3-36-0. Millns 5-1-16-1. Wells 4-2-7-1. Simmons 9.3-3-14-6. Pierson 4-2-2-0

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

V J Wells b Walker	28
D L Maddy lbw b Betts	82
B F Smith b Betts	70
G I Macmillan c Daley b Blenkiron	0
P V Simmons not out	28
*J J Whitaker c Ligertwood b Brown	3
†P A Nixon not out	2
Extras (lb 5, w 5, nb 30)	40
Total (5 wkts, 60.4 overs)	253

A R K Pierson, G J Parsons, D J Millns and A D Mullally to bat

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-209, 3-212, 4-216, 5-232

BOWLING: Brown 13.4-2-56-1; Betts 13-0-78-2; Walker 12-4-45-1; Harmison 5-1-49-0; Blenkiron 7-3-20-1

Bonus points: Durham 2, Leicestershire 8

Umpires: D J Constant and A A Jones.

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Papandreou children cut out of will as Mimi gets all

By Our Foreign Staff

THE late Greek Socialist leader, Andreas Papandreou, cut his children out of his will, leaving everything to his second wife, Mimi Liani-Papandreou.

The former Prime Minister, who died on June 23 at the age of 77 after a lengthy illness, called on his family, which includes an acting minister, to ostracise publicly his politician son-in-law, Theodore Katsanevas, whom he described as a "disgrace". He urged his sons to have "no political or family relationship with Katsanevas", who is a candidate for Pasok, the Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement party which Papandreou founded, in the general elections on September 22.

His requests, made public yesterday less than two weeks before the polls, could also create problems for Costas Simitis, his successor as party leader and Prime Minister.

Papandreou bequeathed all his earthly possessions, including a luxury villa in the northern suburbs of Athens, to Mimi, more formally known as Dimitra, and called on his friends to protect her from the dangers that he felt would beset her. The 42-year-old former air stewardess, whose marriage to Papandreou in 1989 shocked the nation, also inherits his archives.

The Papandreou testament tried to justify leaving nothing to his children. It recalled that his daughter, Sophie Katsenevas-Papandreou, had inherited the family residence at Kastri from her grandfather Georges Papandreou, the former centrist Greek Prime Minister.

Papandreou said his three sons — Georges, now the Education Minister, Andrikos and Nikos — would have to make do with "their name and their good education" as his sole legacy. No mention was made by Papandreou of his illegitimate daughter, Andrea Neeblom, 27, a Swedish architect. To his three sons and daughter, Papandreou bestowed his "good name" as his life-long dedication to public service "prevented me from engaging in a profitable business".

Papandreou also accuses Mr Katsanevas of stealing his private possessions which were in his former family home, including his archives, papers, books and personal memorabilia. Mr Katsanevas and his family now live in the villa.

"My three sons have an ethical debt, as agents of the Papandreou family tradition, to make public the role and character of Katsanevas and sever any public or private bonds they have with him," Papandreou wrote.

Two documents relating to his material and political will, one written in 1990 and the other in 1993, were recognised by a three-member court as valid and were read out at a public hearing.

Pasok did not officially react last night to the revelations and their criticism of Mr Katsanevas, but party sources were trying to play them down by referring to the documents as a private family matter. However, Papandreou, his widow and family are anything but a private matter in Greece and within Pasok, which he established in 1974 and led with an iron grip until his death. Papandreou's understanding of the public nature of his family is reflected in an appeal in his will to support Mimi.

"When I die, Dimitra will, of course, be in danger. They will try to hold her responsible for many things and that is why I call on my friends, all those who followed me in my political struggles, to support her with all their means."

He served as Prime Minister from 1981 to 1989, when he fell from power because of an embezzlement scandal and an adulterous affair with Mimi. He returned to power in 1993 after divorcing Margaret, his American wife of 38 years, and marrying Mimi.

Delhi to let more women be MPs

From Christopher Thomas in Delhi

INDIA took an unprecedented step yesterday towards reserving a third of seats in parliament and state assemblies for women. It is one of the most far-reaching victories for women's rights in nearly 50 years of Indian independence.

H. D. Deve Gowda, the Prime Minister, tabled a Bill in the Lok Sabha (lower house) to amend the constitution to ensure that women candidates would have an exclusive claim on a third of parliamentary constituencies in general elections. The constituencies will be chosen on a rota system at each election. The move will force radical changes in the selection procedures for parliamentary candidates.

Soon after independence in 1947, India reserved a third of parliamentary seats for Dalits (formerly known as Untouchables) and tribal Indians in an attempt to give them a greater voice. The proposed quota for women would boost their number from the present 38 MPs in the Lok Sabha to about 180 after the next general election.

Mr Gowda decided to scrap plans to refer the measure to a parliamentary select committee for further study after women MPs protested that this could delay or kill the Bill. Presumably, that had been the plan. Most male MPs dislike the proposed change because many will lose their seats, but every party has advocated gender equality. Nobody, therefore, can be seen to oppose the plan.

The indirectly elected Rajya Sabha (upper house) will not be affected, to the chagrin of women's organisations. Government officials said there were too many technical obstacles.

There have been reservations for women in *panchayats* (local councils) and municipalities since 1992, but most women contenders in rural local elections are front candidates for their husbands, fathers or brothers. That is also true of a number of women MPs, some of whom play little or no active part in politics.

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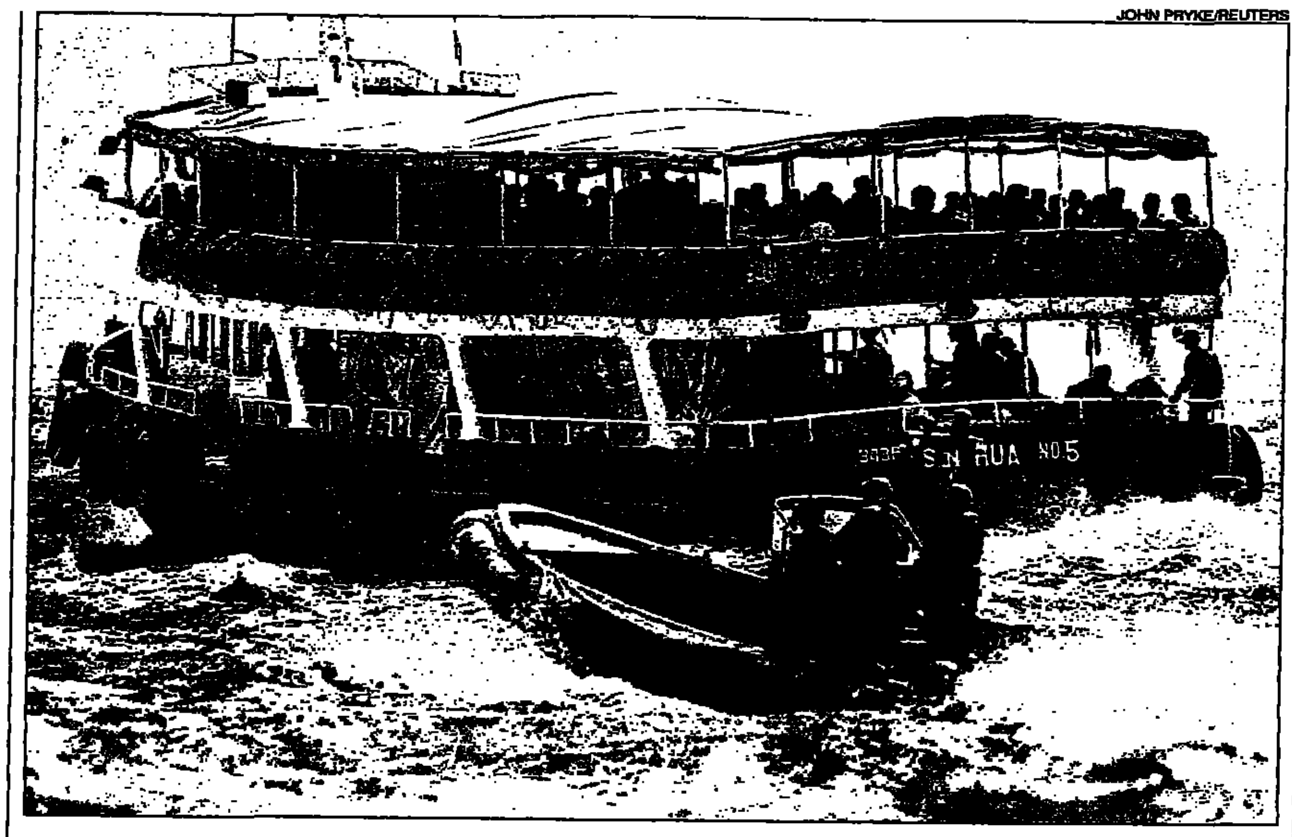

A police speedboat shadows a ferry carrying illegal Vietnamese immigrants from the remote Tai A Chau island camp to Hong Kong's Whitehead detention camp. More than 5,000 "boat people" will have made the

Boat people moved on

journey by the end of this week as Hong Kong races to clear more than 13,000 in detention before the handover of the colony to China next year. In Thailand, dozens of Vietnamese "boat people" stabbed themselves to avoid forced repatriation yesterday and 17 were taken to hospital in Bangkok, officials said. Despite this, authorities were able to send back some 200 people. Nearly 2,000 Vietnamese denied settlement in a third country have been stranded in a Thai camp. *(Reuter)*

Bosnians trek homeward to vote

By Eve-Ann Prentice
Diplomatic Correspondent
and Our Foreign Staff

TENS of thousands of Bosnian refugees, many of them elderly, will swarm on to trains at midnight tonight to travel from Serbia to vote in tomorrow's Bosnian elections.

The Red Cross will provide each of the estimated 70,000 refugees with packed meals for the journey and a medical team will be on board each train. The elections have become a logistical nightmare involving the transport of thousands of people across borders and front lines within Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe, which is organising the poll, yesterday called on all sides to let people vote in peace and to respect the elected bodies that will emerge. People must be able "to vote in secret without fear and intimidation. This includes freedom of movement to and from the polling stations", it said.

A Bosnian Serb boy wears a Karadzic mask

Among those entitled to vote are Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serbs' wartime leader who is barred from standing for office because he is an indicted war criminal, and his co-accused, General Ratko Mladic, the Bosnian Serb military leader. International peacekeepers from the Nato-led Implementation Force, Ifor, can arrest indicted war crimes suspects if the peacekeepers come across them in the normal course of their duties and it is realistic to do so. Major Simon Haselock, an Ifor spokesman, said: "If they are foolish enough to come to a polling station and if we are in a position to make an arrest, we will do it."

Biljana Plavsic, the Bosnian Serb leader who has taken over at least nominally from Dr Karadzic, marked her last day of campaigning by openly flouting a ban on making calls for Serb secession.

Senior members of the OSCE were investigating a speech by the interim Serb President in which she told a crowd of 20,000 supporters of her hardline Serb Democratic Party in Banja Luka that its aim was the creation of a separate Serb state. Her speech late on Wednesday came the day after a ruling banning such calls, and threatening anyone who made separatist statements with expulsion from the election.

Richard Holbrooke, the American architect of the Dayton peace agreement which laid the ground for tomorrow's poll, is due in the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, today to lead an American delegation monitoring the criticised elections.

Final rallies were planned yesterday in Sarajevo, in the Serb stronghold of Pale, and in the anti-nationalist northern bastion of Tuzla. In what was expected to be the biggest gathering in the country, 45,000 Muslims were expected in Sarajevo to attend a rally of the ruling Muslim nationalist Party of Democratic Action.

Tension was palpable in the southern city of Mostar, however. Sir Martin Garrod, the city's British European Union administrator, said feelings were running high because of a sit-in by local Muslims in the Croat-controlled western sector. A tense stand-off began on Wednesday when up to 200 people from Muslim east Mostar crossed into the west, saying they wanted to repair homes they had been forced to leave in 1993 during fighting between Muslims and Croats.

Report by Congress targets First Lady

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

HOLLYWOOD'S "limousine liberals" paid $3.5 million (£2.25 million) last night to hear Barbra Streisand, Tom Hanks and the Eagles fête President Clinton at a Democratic fundraiser on the sumptuous old Beverly Hills estate of Harold Lloyd, the silent movie star. Back in Washington, however, the news was not so good for the President.

The Wall Street Journal revealed that a Republican-controlled congressional committee was preparing a blistering report on the "Travelgate" scandal that will accuse the President's aides of covering up Hillary Clinton's role in the dismissal of the seven-man White House travel office.

In addition, two top officials at the Department of Health and Human Services, one of them a lifelong friend of the Clintons, resigned in protest at the President's recent decision to sign a radical Republican welfare reform Bill.

Bob Dole, Mr Clinton's Republican opponent, also suffered a minor embarrassment when tabloids reported that a political adviser who has worked voluntarily for his campaign had placed advertisements on the Internet and in low-life magazines seeking partners for group sex with himself and his wife.

The tabloids printed copies of the advertisements featuring seductive pictures of Roger Stone and his wife, Nydia. Mr Stone admitted some of the Internet postings were paid for with his credit card, but denied placing the advertisements and insisted he was "the subject of a political dirty trick".

The report prepared by the Republican majority on the House committee investigating the "Travelgate" scandal will accuse the White House of "sustained obstruction" of its work and an "unprecedented misuse of executive power and executive privilege" to avoid surrendering key documents.

It will also offer a detailed rebuttal of Mrs Clinton's sworn statements that she did not order the dismissals. The White House accused the Republicans of "last-ditch negative campaigning".

Boy smoker bolsters Clinton's campaign

Washington: Emphasising President Clinton's attempts to curb juvenile smoking, Justin Hoover, 12, testified before Congress that he lit his first cigarette at the age of six and was stealing packets from the local store within three years (Tom Rhodes writes).

"I hope you guys can help my brother and sister and stop them so they don't smoke," said the boy from Iowa during an unofficial congressional hearing held by Democratic senators to plug Mr Clinton's crackdown on juvenile smoking. Justin said he feared his younger siblings would soon become hooked like himself, his mother and 15-year-old brother. "My brother, who is three, acts like his crayons are cigarettes because he sees us all smoking," he said.

Branded as election year "political theatre" by the Republicans, the Democrats had employed Justin to highlight what they claimed were irresponsible statements this year by Bob Dole, the presidential candidate, concerning tobacco use by youngsters. They said the boy's testimony went beyond politics and proved his craving for tobacco had led to a life of minor crime. "I started sneaking cigarettes from my mother until I needed more than just one or two a day," he said.

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Tycoon to divorce for richer or poorer

From Quentin Letts in New York

AS HEAD of the Revlon cosmetics company, Ron Perelman has an unlimited supply of mascara, and it is just as well. The New York billionaire is heading to the divorce courts for the third time.

Mr Perelman, whose first two marital splits cost him a total of $88 million, was reported yesterday to have filed divorce papers against wife number three, Patricia Duff, a prominent Democrat and Clinton-backer.

At Manhattan Supreme Court the case is listed as "Anonymous v. Anonymous", but the New York press was not fooled. Mr Perelman, whose fortune is estimated at $4.2 billion, is showing signs of learning the ropes of the divorce game.

Before he and his wife had a meeting the other day to discuss a possible settlement, he is said to have asked security guards to frisk Ms Duff. They found that she was carrying a tape recorder.

Ms Duff was also twice previously married before her wedding to Mr Perelman in December 1994 and she is rich in her own right. How much richer she will become after their divorce is open to question. This time Mr Perelman insisted on a pre-nuptial agreement in which Ms Duff accepted certain conditions in the event of a marriage failure.

Her allies have described it as "a lousy pre-nup. She's going to get a pathetic, teeny amount". In the language of moneyed set in which the Perelmans mix, this probably means that she will get only a few million dollars.

Raoul Felder, one of Manhattan's best-known divorce lawyers, said: "The chances of her breaking a pre-nup are the same as breaking into Fort Knox with a nail file."

The Perelman marriage was seldom calm, and the couple appear to have reached the end of the road at last month's Democratic convention in Chicago, when they had a row about their social schedules. Mr Perelman flew home alone, and there have not been many civilised words between them since then.

The couple have a daughter, 20-month-old Caleigh, whose future will be part of the divorce settlement.

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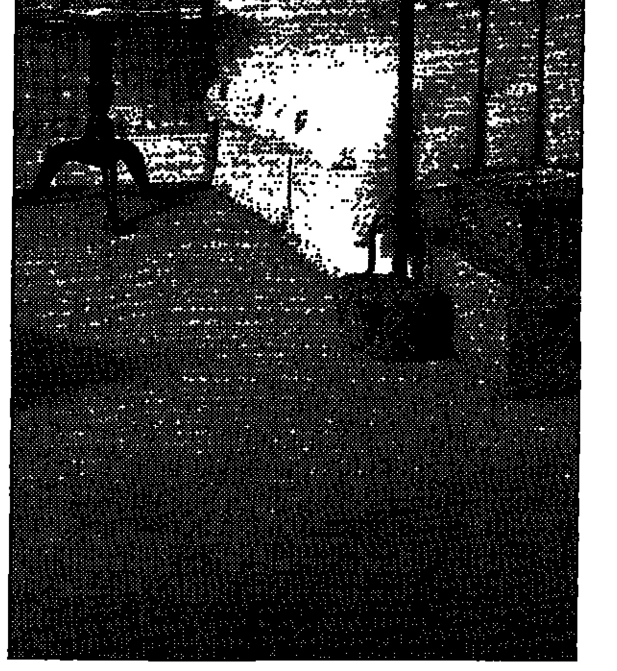

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Saddam's defiance of the West strikes sympathetic chord in Arab hearts

By Christopher Walker
Middle East Correspondent

MIDDLE EAST

SUPPORTERS and opponents of President Saddam Hussein of Iraq were last night both predicting a further revival of the dictator's standing in the Arab world in the event of the "disproportionate" new air and missile strikes threatened by the United States.

Any such attacks by Stealth fighters re-based in Kuwait and cruise missiles will prompt further divisions in the 22-member Arab League, whose foreign ministers' meeting opens in Cairo today. The league, split since the 1991 Gulf War, has condemned earlier American attacks on targets inside what is described as the sovereign territory of a member state.

Even before the latest American moves, Saudi Arabia and Egypt, Washington's two main Arab allies, had spoken out, the Egyptian Cabinet ruling out any "interference in Iraq's internal affairs" and Saudi Arabia announcing publicly that it would not have allowed its territory to launch missile attacks against Iraq.

Jordan, which has reversed the previously sympathetic stand towards Saddam adopted after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, is under pressure from opposition deputies in the Amman parliament, to change tack again in view of the latest American attacks. Embarrassed by Washington reports that the Hashemite kingdom had assisted in the abortive CIA plot to oust Saddam, Marwan Muasher, the Information Minister, said: "We do not plan to interfere in any attempt to topple the regime of Saddam Hussein. We feel this is up to the Iraqi people."

While regard for Arab sovereignty was the official explanation put forward by many former Arab members of the 1991 anti-Iraq coalition for changing their stance, senior Arab diplomats said the real reason was what one envoy described as "a correct gut assessment of how the Arab street is looking upon this crisis".

Aside from Kuwait, where many citizens have brutal first-hand experience of the ruthless torture, rape and pillage meted out by Saddam's troops and most families keep a four-wheel drive vehicle in the garage in case they have to flee again across the desert to Saudi Arabia, there is a remarkable well of sympathy towards Saddam among ordinary Arabs. "We see him as the one Arab leader who has been true to himself, who has not sold out to the West," said a Palestinian greengrocer in Israeli-occupied east Jerusalem.

Even in the oil-rich Gulf States most threatened by Saddam's incurable expansionism, there have been significant changes in mood since the Gulf War. "The US has tried to increase its influence by making Saddam a bogeyman," one analyst said. "The American influence among client states in the Gulf who think the US Fifth Cavalry will come to their rescue has created an environment of paranoia concerning Saddam. But the ordinary man takes all this with a pinch of salt."

While at the level of the coffee shop there is a gut admiration for a fellow Arab's continued reckless willingness to snub his nose at the world's most powerful state, in many of the glittering palaces of the rulers there is fear of Iran, regarded as a more dangerous threat. Even in Israel, where policy considerations are governed by the prospect of Iran obtaining a nuclear capability, Iraq is seen as the lesser of two evils.

Republicans snipe at handling of crisis by Clinton

From Martin Fletcher in Washington

AMERICA

BIPARTISAN support for President Clinton's handling of the Iraq crisis unravelled yesterday as a string of top Republicans accused him of ineffectiveness, lacking clear objectives and fracturing the allied Gulf War coalition.

With US forces preparing to launch a new and heavier round of airstrikes against Iraqi targets, the White House accused Republicans of encouraging President Saddam Hussein through their failure to back the Administration at a time of crisis. Mike McCurry, the press secretary, said politics had traditionally stopped at the water's edge and should do so now.

Bob Dole himself remained silent, partly from fear of undermining the US military but also because he knows the Administration would love to dredge up his past courtship of Saddam. Eager to sell Iraq more Kansas wheat, Mr Dole was one of five senators who met Saddam in Baghdad just weeks before the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait and assured him the US wanted better ties.

With less than eight weeks left to the presidential election, Mr Dole's surrogates showed no such restraint, arguing Mr Clinton should have hit Saddam far harder at the outset after securing allied support.

Jack Kemp, Mr Dole's running-mate, accused Mr Clinton of emboldening Saddam through his "vacillation" and "failure to define our objectives and tell the American people how he intends to carry out those objectives". Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, said America looked like an "isolated bully using sophisticated weapons to no purpose ... arrogant and impotent".

Senator John McCain, Mr Dole's senior foreign policy adviser, called Mr Clinton's initial foray an "abject failure" and observed: "If this Administration calls [the first strikes] a success ... I just hope we don't have another success."

> ‘If the first strike was a success, I just hope we don't have another success’

James Baker, President Bush's Secretary of State during the Gulf War, said Saddam only understood "overhwelming force" and lamented the President's "failure of leadership ... the coalition we built up painstakingly — it's gone."

Senator Richard Lugar demanded "a very extensive series of raids that would hobble any air power, air defences, communications and intelligence ... I would not put Baghdad off-limits."

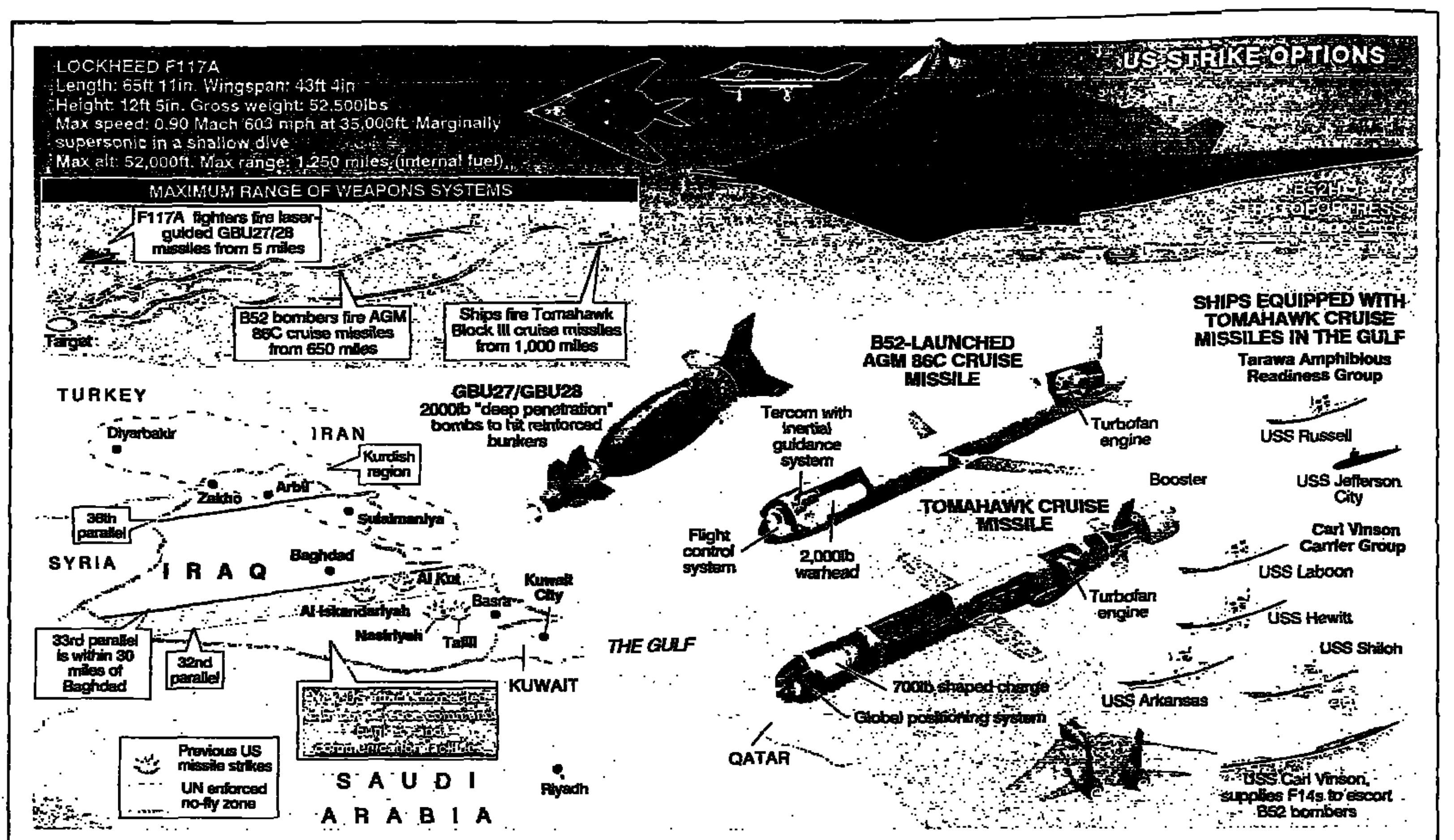
Mr Clinton had hoped that one quick slap on Saddam's wrist would put the Iraqi dictator back in his Baghdad box — at least for the final weeks of the election.

In fact, Saddam has regained control of what was supposed to be a Kurdish safe area, divided the coalition and wrecked a CIA campaign to overthrow him.

Iraqi forces are defiantly rebuilding the air defence facilities destroyed in those first missile attacks, and taking pot shots at US warplanes patrolling an expanded southern no-fly zone that Saddam refuses to recognise.

The Administration rightly claims to have curtailed Saddam's ability to threaten Kuwait and Saudi Arabia by expanding that no-fly zone, and justifiably blames Kurdish feuding for the collapse of their safe area. But the fact remains that Mr Clinton finds himself caught in a messy military entanglement that he cannot win without a huge escalation and all the electoral risks that would entail.

Saddam can absorb extensive damage from aerial attacks, and he knows Mr Clinton would not dare deploy US ground troops. Some analysts argue that Saddam welcomes such attacks, believing they will further divide the allies and enhance his prestige at home. They also present him with a chance to shoot down US pilots — Mr Clinton's ultimate pre-election nightmare.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Sulaimaniya
36th parallel
SYRIA
IRAQ
Baghdad
Al Kut
Al-Iskandariyah
Nasiriyah
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Basra
Kuwait City
KUWAIT
THE GULF
33rd parallel is within 30 miles of Baghdad
32nd parallel
Previous US missile strikes
UN enforced no-fly zone
SAUDI ARABIA
Riyadh
QATAR
GBU27/GBU28
2000lb "deep penetration" bombs to hit reinforced bunkers
B52-LAUNCHED AGM 86C CRUISE MISSILE
Tercom with inertial guidance system
Turbofan engine
Flight control system
2,000lb warhead
Booster
TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILE
Turbofan engine
700lb shaped charge
Global positioning system
SHIPS EQUIPPED WITH TOMAHAWK CRUISE MISSILES IN THE GULF
Tarawa Amphibious Readiness Group
USS Russell
USS Jefferson City
Carl Vinson Carrier Group
USS Laboon
USS Hewitt
USS Shiloh
USS Arkansas
USS Carl Vinson, supplies F14s to escort B52 bombers

Americans deploy Stealth fighter force

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

TACTICS

AMERICAN strike aircraft known as "silver bullets" were on their way to Kuwait from the United States last night, ready for action against Iraq with a payload of weapons capable of penetrating President Saddam Hussein's underground command bunkers.

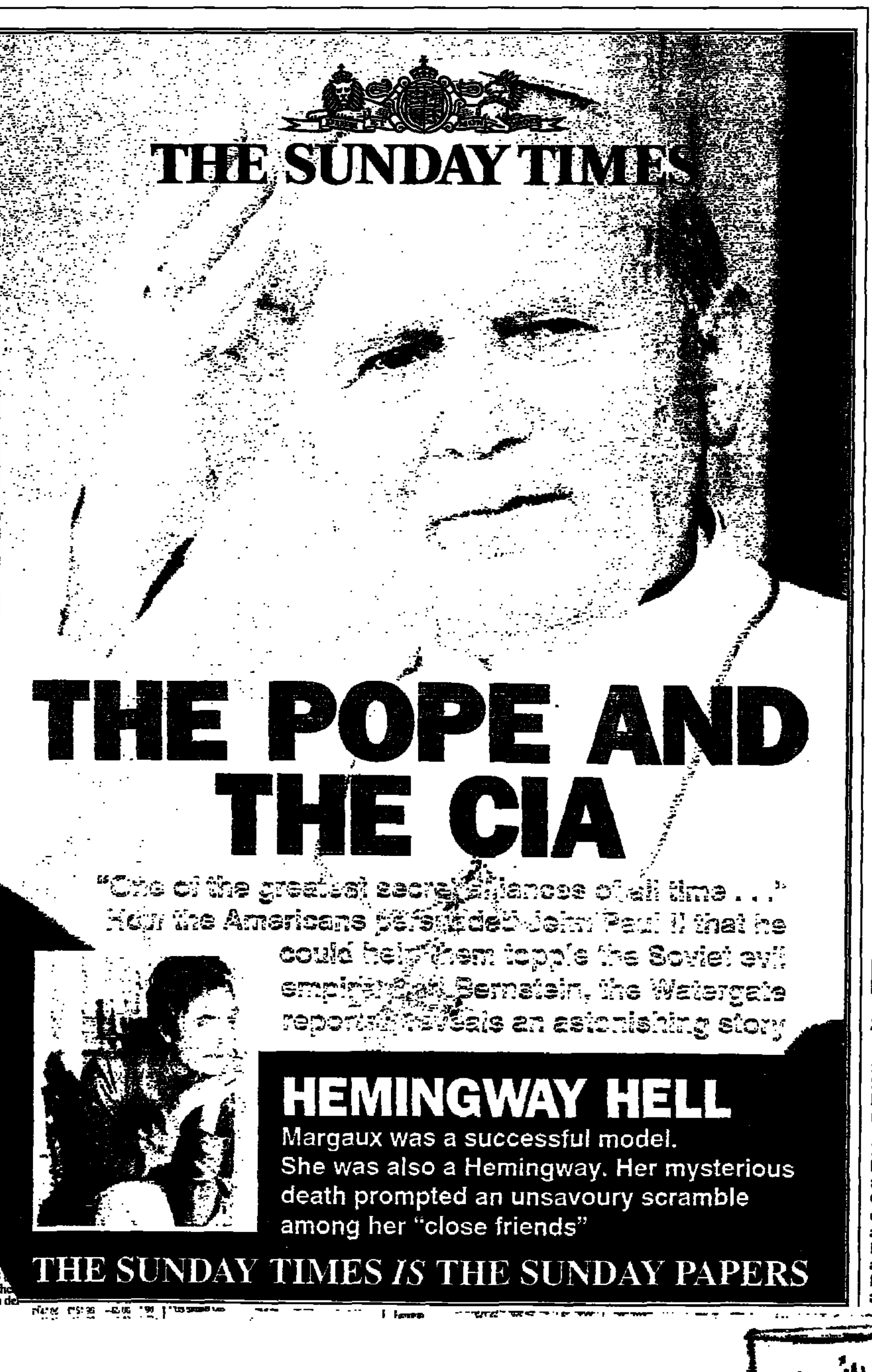
Eight F117A Stealth fighters, officially codenamed Nighthawk by the US Air Force, will arrive in the Gulf region today after flying non-stop, with mid-air refuelling, from Holloman air force base in New Mexico. They will be based in Kuwait from where they are expected to launch the first phase of new attacks on Iraqi targets. The arrival of the Stealth fighters will provide the Americans with a wider range of target options because of the aircraft's weapons systems and its ability to fly undetected through enemy radar.

The Stealth fighter, whose combat debut during the 1991 Gulf War was the first demonstration of a new generation of futuristic aircraft developed in one of America's super-secret "black" programmes, is armed with four laser-guided bombs capable of doing more lasting damage to Saddam's heavily reinforced command network than the air-launched or sea-launched cruise missile. Cruise missiles were used in last week's American attacks because the targets were above-surface air defence radar and surface-to-air missile sites. The objective was to damage Saddam's ability to threaten American-led coalition aircraft on patrols over southern Iraq. With the deployment of F117A Stealth fighters, the intention is clearly to inflict more comprehensive damage on Saddam's military infrastructure.

The Stealth fighter is armed with two types of bomb, the GBU27 and GBU28, both derivatives of the laser-guided Paveway III weapon system but with a deep penetration warhead.

The GBU27 (guided bomb unit) weighs more than 2,260lb and has a warhead containing 528lb of high explosive. The GBU28 weighs more than 4,680lb, with a warhead of 673lb of high explosive. Both free-fall bombs, as opposed to powered missiles, the GBU weapons have a range of three to six miles and are guided to their target by a laser system.

Since the Gulf War the Americans have been trying to improve a special delayed fuse for the bombs that enables them to penetrate deeply before exploding. One of the drawbacks for the GBU bombs in the Gulf War, according to Duncan Lennox, editor of *Jane's Air-Launched Weapons*, was that Saddam's bunkers are normally several storeys deep and the American devices often went off prematurely as they breached the first or second layer.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Wary emirate puts troops on high alert

From Michael Dynes
in Kuwait City

KUWAIT

KUWAIT'S armed forces were put on a state of high alert yesterday after Iraq accused the tiny Gulf state of committing an "act of war" by allowing American Stealth fighters on its soil.

Eight F117 Stealth planes, equipped with 2,000lb laser-guided bombs, are due to arrive in Kuwait today.

The escalation in friction between Washington and Baghdad was triggered on Wednesday by Iraq firing a surface-to-air missile at two US warplanes patrolling the northern no-fly zone over Iraq. Tariq Aziz, the Iraqi Deputy Prime Minister, accused Kuwait of committing an act of war by allowing US planes on its territory, and said that Iraq regarded Kuwait's decision as a "flagrant aggression against Iraq and an act of war against the Iraqi state".

Convinced that a US military strike against Iraq air defence installations is imminent, Kuwait's Supreme Defence Council met in emergency session yesterday. Senior ministers from the defence, foreign affairs and interior ministries, along with members of the armed forces, attended the meeting. Other ministers were caught off guard on holiday or at the beach. The Supreme Defence Council discussed "plans and preparations in all sectors of the military", as well as Kuwait's "political contacts with friendly states", an official statement said.

Crown Prince Sheikh Saad-al-Abdullah al-Sabah, who chaired the meeting, said that he had urged those present to "stay alert" and to take all precautions "to guarantee the security of the state", Kuwait radio said. Kuwait, which has defence agreements with America and the other four permanent members of the UN Security Council, is the only Gulf state to express sympathy with recent US military action in Iraq. Last week, American forces lauched 44 Tomahawk and airborne Cruise missiles at Iraqi air defence targets in two raids on southern Iraq for its role in factional Kurdish infighting in the north.

Saudi Arabia, America's key Middle East ally, has refused to sanction the US raids. Prince Sultan, the Saudi Defence Minister, said yesterday that the US had not requested the use of Saudi bases. "If it was requested, we would have rejected it," he added.

Although the Gulf War is still in Kuwaitis' minds, they are less fearful today. "Saddam is less of a threat now he can't use his air force," one Kuwaiti said. "He wouldn't dare try it again."

Barzani gambles on more US help

From Andrew Finkel
in Salahuddin

KURDS

KURDISH leaders in northern Iraq asked for Western tolerance yesterday as they tried to carry off their gamble of co-operating with President Saddam Hussein.

Advisers to Massoud Barzani, leader of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, admitted, however, that their previously warm relations with the United States had cooled after they enlisted Saddam's support to drive a rival faction from the city of Arbil nearly two weeks ago. The KDP has expelled the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan from its last stronghold in Sulaimaniya and the PUK leadership is reported to have taken refuge inside Iran.

Many believe that the Kurds' internecine struggle has fatally undermined the allies' Operation Provide Comfort, which until recently deterred Saddam from reasserting his authority in the Kurdish north of Iraq. In addition to providing security for the Kurds, the operation acted as an umbrella for voluntary organisations. The city of Sulaimaniya was reported to be calm yesterday as many refugees thought better of a panic decision to flee towards the Iranian border when they learnt that Iraqi troops were not accompanying the victorious KDP into the city. Yet beneath this calm is the real fear that the Iraqis will be back.

Mr Barzani said yesterday that he would not implement a one-party regime and that he believed in "democracy and pluralism". On the other hand, the Kurdish parliament recently voted to extend its life by 21 months and the KDP is unlikely to seek a new mandate before then.

It was up to America to decide whether it wanted to change its strategy of helping the Kurds, Mr Barzani said in an interview with *The Times* yesterday. The KDP is anxious that the Western allies should continue to act as a military deterrent and prevent Baghdad from trying to collect an immediate reward for Iraqi help.

Mr Barzani asked yesterday for continued protection not just against Saddam "but against all regional powers" — a clear reference to Iran and Turkey, countries which in the past launched military operations into Iraq. It was a recent alliance between the PUK and Iran which is said to have prompted the KDP's invitation to Baghdad in the first place.

Mr Barzani said that "all instruments" of the United States continued to be welcome in Iraqi Kurdistan — including the CIA.

This was a reference to reports that Washington was planning to evacuate some 200 members of the rebel Iraqi National Congress who were under an American-financed operation plotting resistance to Baghdad. The KDP said it would do everything it could to see those people to the Turkish border, but denied that they were in any danger.

Mr Barzani denied as well reports of a growing friendship with Saddam, although many believe the KDP would leap at some guarantee of autonomy within a federated Iraq.

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An Iraqi armoured personnel carrier digs in near Qosh Tapa, just south of Arbil

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Former President sees the end of racial politics as key to new era of Nationalist government

De Klerk woos black voters

The President who led South Africa out of its apartheid era tells **R. W. Johnson** he can reduce the ANC vote to 50 per cent at the next election, and win power again in 2004

F. W. DE KLERK is the man who, more than any other, changed the lives of all South Africans — perhaps of all Africans.

His decision in February 1990 to release Nelson Mandela, abolish apartheid and move at speed to a full non-racial democracy, has transformed not just his country but the prospects for the whole continent. In one sense, F. W. — you are not tempted to call him Frederik or Willem — bears this responsibility lightly. As he sits next to you — a cheerful nut-brown face, friendly, courteous but formal — you wonder why he goes on. After all, he has been President, has won the Nobel Peace Prize — and yet, since he led his National Party (NP) out of the Government in May, he is just an opposition leader.

"But I am enjoying myself," he says. "It's such a pleasure to drive my own car again and to walk on my own around the supermarket." Politically, he says his ambition is to help complete the democratic revolution he started by seeing a multiparty democracy firmly installed in South Africa.

In fact, Mr de Klerk is keenly aware of grumbling among Afrikaners and the accusation that he sold them out. The great about-turn of 1990, he insists, was not his individual decision. He changed along with the rest of the Nationalist Party in the 1980s, he says, and was merely continuing the reform process begun under his predecessor, P. W. Botha.

This is more than a shade disingenuous: Mr Botha sits sulking in retirement and was so opposed to Mr de Klerk that he publicly announced he was voting against the Nationalists at the last election. But Mr de Klerk gives you his lawyer's smile as he says his piece.

He is a religious man and is forthright in his moral condemnation of racism. But, you point out, he supported apartheid for most of his career and it was morally indefensible all the way through, not just in 1990. It was also crazy — a glance at the demographic facts was always enough to show the inevitability of ultimate majority rule. All he did, you say, was to come round to what liberals such as Helen Suzman had been saying for 30 years.

To this, he has several answers. It was all very well Mrs Suzman being right, but liberals had never been able to carry the majority of whites with them: only the [Afrikaner] Nationalists could do that. But this hardly dealt with the moral point, did it? There is a slight flicker of the eyes which, if you have lived long enough in South Africa, you know means "an Englishman will never understand".

He leans forward earnestly. "You have to realise that the main thrust of Afrikaner nationalism was to achieve Afrikaner self-determination and to remove all vestiges of British colonialism. It was only when we became a republic in 1960 that we achieved that and could turn to the real problem — how to accommodate our black and brown peoples."

And then? "We really did believe we could build a little Europe in Africa. We were so aware that we were only one nation out of many. We wanted a fair solution — as young backbenchers, people like me wanted more land to be given to the black homelands, to make them viable nation states. But these ideas never materialised and we were left with a morally indefensible system."

F. W. De Klerk declines to take all the credit for freeing Mandela in February 1990

The National Party does not, I suggest, cut a convincing figure in opposition. The smaller Democratic Party makes the running while the NP supported the ANC-led Government on all its budget votes. "We don't just want to be an effective opposition or any kind of opposition," he says. "What we want is to return to power and to redefine the whole political scene. In South African history only Jan Smuts succeeded in putting together a movement which reconquered power after he had lost it. But that's what we need to do. Our aim in the next election is to bring the ANC under 50 per cent and to win the election after that in 2004."

Smuts, I point out, fought the British as a Boer general, and when he made his peace with them, was reviled by Afrikaner nationalists for having sold out. Mr de Klerk fought the ANC, then made peace with it and is now criticised for selling out.

This comparison — as also the more common one with Mikhail Gorbachev — is peremptorily brushed away: "All comparisons are odious. All I can say is that I have the greatest respect for all previous NP leaders — some of them were giants."

This, one feels, is the nub of the contradiction. Mr de Klerk is passionate about the need for South Africa to put racialism forever behind it but he also wants to have "the greatest respect" for men such as Hendrik Verwoerd. It is not a vacant respect — he has clearly been reading up on them.

He admits that "we never had a good answer with regard to Coloureds and Indians", but cites Verwoerd's letters to Sir Robert Menzies, the former Australian Prime Minister — "he said these groups will come over to us in the end but they mustn't come over too soon or we will never succeed in creating black nation states".

Of course, praising Verwoerd is just a way of reassuring the Afrikaner *volk* that he still speaks for them. You are for a moment reminded of Henry Kissinger's verdict on meeting John Vorster — "I have just met a character out of the Old Testament."

You get the feeling that Mr de Klerk too is so far inside the ethnic shell of Afrikanerdom that he does not really see the contradiction in praising Verwoerd and espousing multiracialism, of talking of apartheid as a lost but once-noble ideal and of wanting an even deeper democracy. If these things can be reconciled in the *volk's* eyes, that is all that really counts.

But does he not mind that his changes will guarantee that South Africa becomes an English-speaking country? He agrees that Afrikaners are worried about the survival of their language and puts the blame on the ANC for not living up to its constitutional promises for cultural self-determination. "President Mandela seems to understand the issue of language and culture better than most but he doesn't seem able to persuade his key ministers to see things the same way." But he is not worried: Afrikanerdom will survive and every Afrikaner "knows that things would be far worse today if we hadn't made the changes that we did in 1990".

Mr de Klerk talks of taking the initiative to "shake the political and party system of this country", of increasing support for his party by reaching black voters who currently support the ANC. You wonder if he can really manage that and stay the same man. But for him it is all a question of values. "We are confident that millions and millions of black voters share our values." In any case, he says, the alternative — which he sees as the chief danger — would be a slide toward an ANC one-party state.

The ANC, I point out, sees no prospect of ever losing power and will not take kindly to this sort of talk. "Well, we can hardly depend on the ANC's internal democracy, which is already breaking down," he replies. "But in any case, the ANC is still not a party. It has lost its raison d'être — the anti-apartheid struggle — and in the end it didn't even have the satisfaction of overthrowing apartheid. It was we who removed it. Now it is they who must face choices. We have faced our moment of truth but for them the moment of truth still lies ahead." Talk of a one-party state raises the spectre of South Africa slipping towards the same authoritarian shambles which has characterised so many states to the north. But Mr de Klerk will not allow that comparison either. The key reason why South Africa will be different lies in "our own managerial and financial capacities". He points to South Africa's huge industrial conglomerates, its banks and financial institutions. "Nowhere else in Africa would you find institutions like these, created by our own people with our own money and our own effort down the years."

He rests his hopes on the possibility that the whole basis of political behaviour can be changed and says he would even be prepared to dissolve the NP into some larger movement if that would help the cause of democracy. For this to happen South African voters will have to stop voting along racial lines and move to a value-driven party system.

Some would say that this is another dream of building a little Europe in Africa but you cannot but marvel at the man's hardiness in taking on another huge task. He is a true Afrikaner in this respect too, and you can only wish him well. As you go, you see him spin round and start talking to his secretary in Afrikaans — busy, confident, even serene within that durable ethnic shell.

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SIMON WALKER

F. W. de Klerk: "Afrikaners know it would be far worse if we hadn't changed in 1990"

Zaire says refugees threaten ecology

FROM REUTER IN KINSHASA

ZAIRE complained yesterday that Rwandan refugees were destroying its eastern forest, putting the ecological balance under strain and threatening the survival of rare species of plants and animals.

Raymond Tshibanda, the Environment Minister, spotlighted the twin problems of poaching animals, such as rare mountain gorillas or dwarf chimpanzees, and felling trees for firewood.

"There are various estimates of the scale of the damage the refugees have inflicted on our environment. It is difficult to put a price on. Rare species threatened with extinction are beyond a price," he said. "If the trees continue to be felled at the present rate, the Virunga Park [home of the mountain gorilla] is in danger of losing half of its flora."

A million Rwandan Hutus flooded into Zaire in 1994 fearing reprisals after the massacre by Hutu hardliners of minority Tutsis and the civil war victory of Tutsi-led rebels. *(Reuter)*

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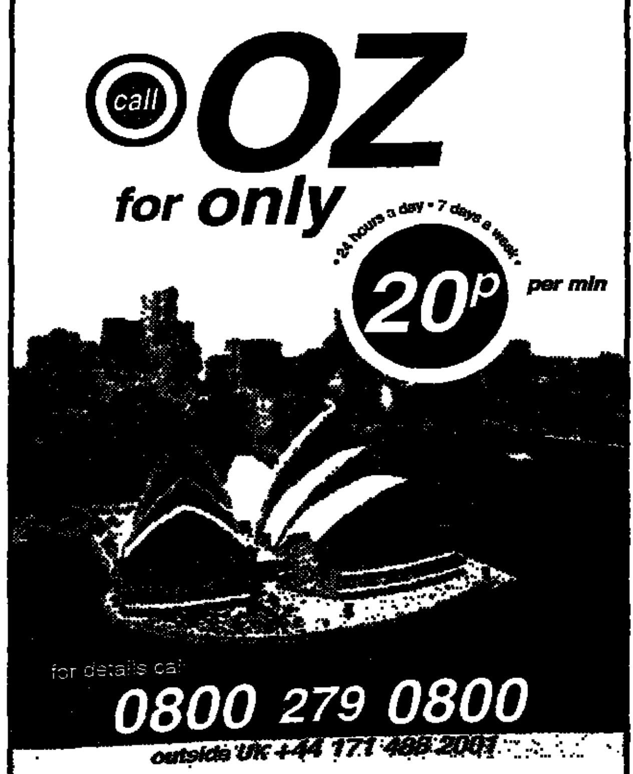

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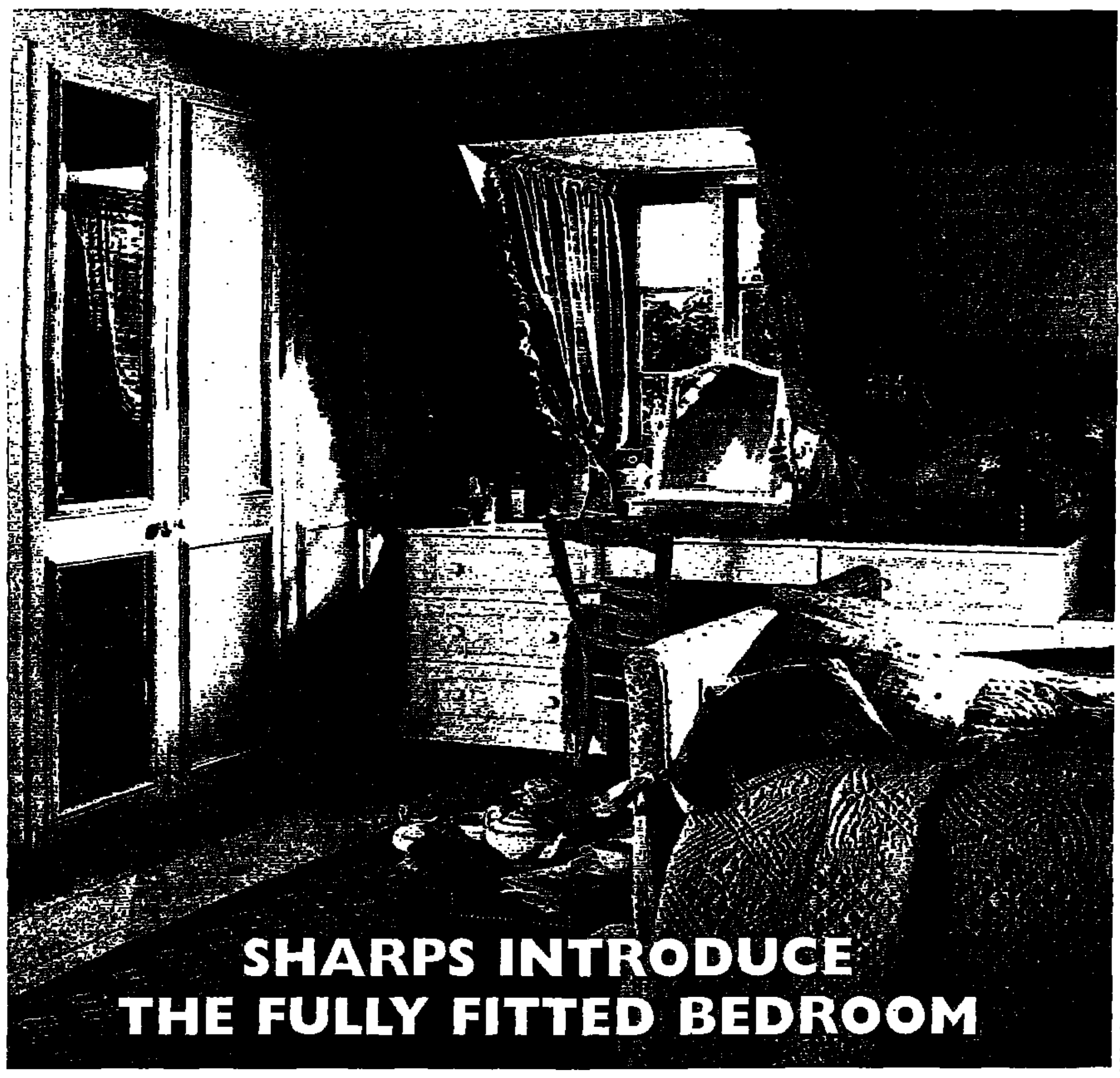

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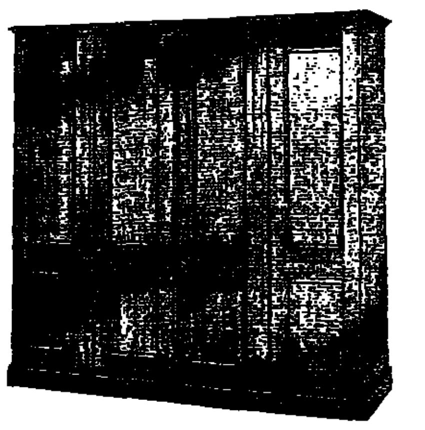

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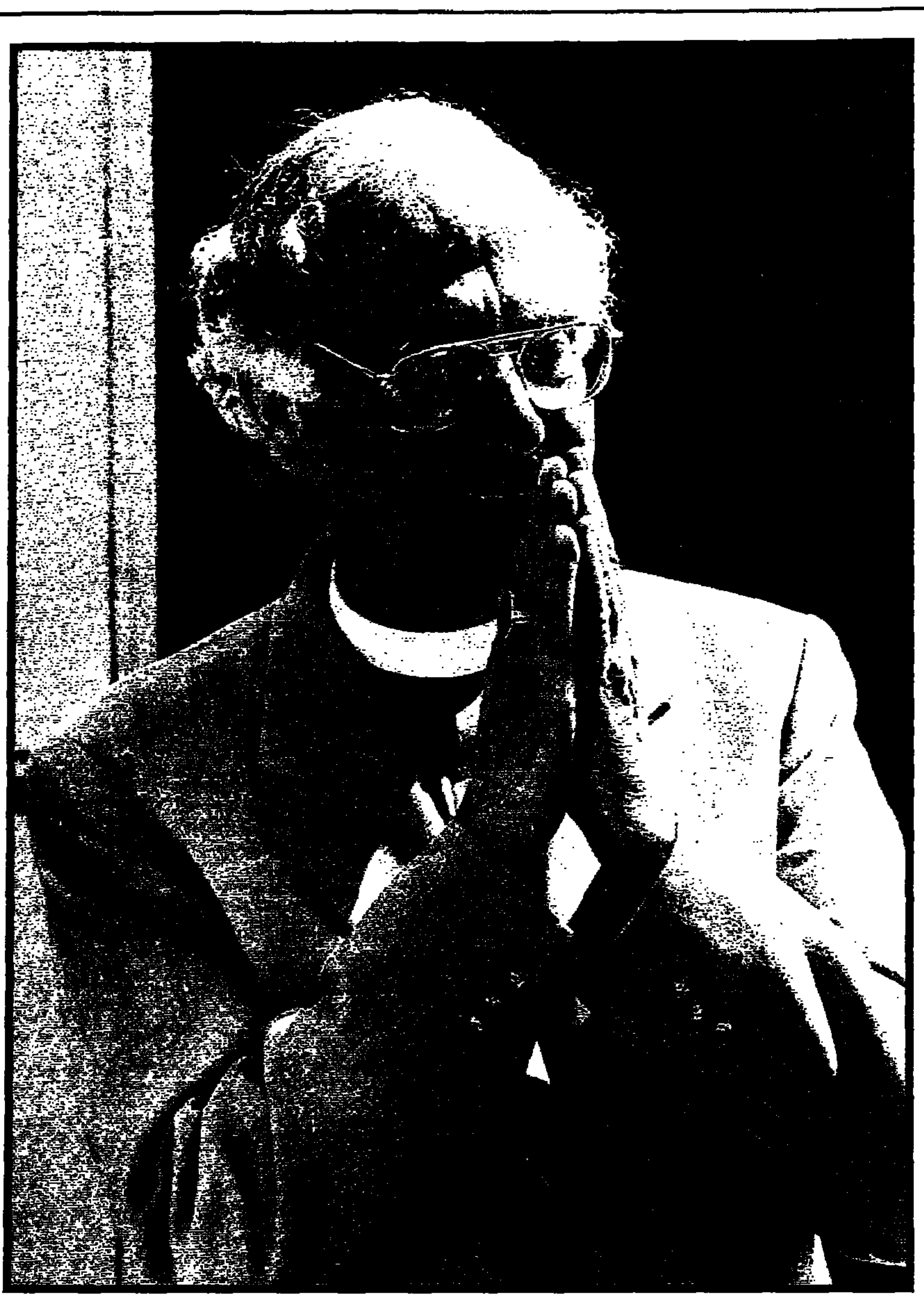

During his time at Lambeth the Archbishop became a regular focus of criticism from the right-wing tabloid press

The overwhelming impression of Robert Runcie's archbishopric, apart from its crises, is of international travel. It earned him much criticism including a sustained demolition by A.N. Wilson, mocking him as a "travel bore". Wilson adds: "He seems to conceive his function as a sort of ecclesiastical foreign secretary, dashing about the world to attend boring conferences and spending most of his waking hours in airport lounges. Most politicians spend far too much of their time doing this sort of thing. But why should an Archbishop of Canterbury?"

Knowing how much of his retirement Runcie had already chosen to spend abroad, I wondered how much this feature of the archbishopric had reflected his own taste for journeys, as much as the needs of the job.

I brought this up with Terry Waite, who had been responsible for organising many of the journeys. Surely a cynic could say it was a way of dodging issues at home, such as the ordination of women? "The cynics *have* said that," answered Waite, "and I think they're wrong. He wasn't rushing to go overseas. He didn't dislike the foreign travel; he threw himself into it. But it was extraordinarily taxing."

Were there any specific victories? "I think there were a number of instances of very considerable development. For example, Robert was the first Archbishop of Canterbury to visit China — at a time when the Chinese Church was struggling to find a new identity in a country that was beginning to emerge from the Marxist grip."

After sneering at the foreign trips, Wilson cited Runcie's shifting attitude to the ordination of women. He accused him of a "slithery absence of principle", giving as another example his statements on marriage. According to Wilson, in 1981 he had praised the engagement of the Prince and Princess of Wales as an example of "the respect in which the marriage bond is held [by] the Royal Family", but two years later "he appears to be advocating divorce". This referred to Runcie's support for the General Synod's proposals to permit the remarriage of certain divorced people in church.

Runcie explains: "I spent a great deal of time in many speeches and writings during the 1970s, on the possibility of holding firm to the principle of lifelong union — and at the same time believing that exceptions should have special treatment. The Catholic and Orthodox churches have dealt with this matter, the one by the concept of 'the death of a marriage', the other by 'extended nullity', but we had refused to do either. An important principle of moral theology was at stake."

The summer of 1984 saw David Jenkins's election as Bishop of Durham, despite widespread protests from conservative Anglicans about his modernist interpretation of the Resurrection and the virgin birth. He was consecrated at York Minster on July 6. Two days later the minster was struck by lightning and seriously damaged. John Habgood, Archbishop of York, said that it was "medieval" to regard this as a sign of divine disapproval; Runcie said that God was "on the side of the men who fought the blaze".

In September, Britain's coalminers went on strike, and Runcie's first public pronouncement on the dispute was critical of the strikers ... he said, in a sermon at Derby Cathedral: "I have watched with dismay how some have taken law into their own hands and unleashed violence. This lawless behaviour ... cannot be justified."

A few days later David Jenkins, in his enthronement sermon at Durham, took a very different stance, calling for the resignation of the Coal Board chairman, Ian MacGregor, whom he described as an "elderly imported American", and attacking the Government for its indifference to poverty and social unrest. Runcie was soon making similar remarks, telling *The Times* that he supported the Thatcherite aims of growth, higher pay, and the recovery of national pride, but that "if the human consequences of such aims mean unemployment on an unprecedented scale, poverty, bureaucracy, despair about the future of our communities, inequitable sharing of the sacrifice called for, then the objectives must be called in question".

Norman Tebbit, Margaret Thatcher's Industry Secretary, described these observations as "a little woolly", and an unnamed minister added: "What a cheek Runcie's got. He's been closing down uneconomic churches long before we were closing down uneconomic pits."

On Jenkins's theological stance, Runcie preferred to hold the middle ground "where we have to attend to the *whole* Christian story". In his 1985 Easter Day sermon in Canterbury Cathedral, he took a firmly traditional theological line. While making no direct reference to the Bishop of Durham, he [said] that the Gospel stories were based on "first-hand memory and firm tradition".

Runcie was now becoming a regular target for mockery in the right-wing popular press. When, in March 1985, he compared Britain's inner-city problems to the Ethiopian famine ("We do not have to look as far as Ethiopia to find the darkness of disease and death") a Cummings cartoon in the *Daily Express* showed Runcie in the pulpit of a crumbling ecclesiastical edifice, labelled "Church of England", saying "We certainly don't have to look as far as Ethiopia to find the darkness of disaster — it's here on our doorstep!". The building is already going up in flames, ignited by David Jenkins, who is clutching a large matchbox.

A few weeks later, Runcie observed: "Some of my predecessors have been polished off in different ways, one of them was beaten to death by mutton bones. I think I'm more likely to be battered by the media."

The Church of England report on the inner cities, *Faith in the City*, published in late 1985, was described by a Cabinet minister as "pure Marxist theology". It called for an increase in child benefit, positive measures against racial discrimination in employment and housing, the raising of the rate-support grant, and an inquiry into mortgage tax relief on the ground that it was unfair to subsidise the better-off. These mildly left-wing proposals led even *The Times* (December 2) to claim "Church and State launched into new public quarrel".

I raised the matter of *Faith in the City* in conversation with Baroness Thatcher:

Thatcher: "*Faith in the City* was very different from the later report of the Jewish community on *their* approach."

Carpenter: "Different in what way?"

Thatcher: "The Jewish community, as you know, always stuck together, they always made a tremendous effort, they always look after their own, they never asked for — well, you go and read it!"

Carpenter: "But you felt that *Faith in the City* ... was turning to the Government, and saying, 'You must do all the work'?"

Thatcher: "Well, those are *your* words. I think it's a document that could have been written very differently."

Carpenter: "Lord Runcie was talking to me about this, knowing that I was going to speak to you, and he said that he feels, looking back, that the Government, or some people in the Government, did make rather a fuss about *Faith in the City*, but he said it started them on Michael Heseltine's inner-city initiative."

Thatcher: "But the inner-city initiative was long before *Faith in the City*."

Carpenter: "But did you feel the Church was in any way interfering?"

Thatcher: "No, no. Look, I don't try to restrict what other people say."

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'I have done my best to die before this book is published'

MY DEAR HUMPHREY

On January 4, 1991, I received this letter from Robert Runcie, who was then in his last month as Archbishop.

> I am very busy preparing for my liberation at the end of January. An idea has recently occurred to me which I hope you might be prepared to discuss at some stage. If it has to be knocked on the head without more ado, the sooner the better.
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> For some time people have been pressing me to approach an official biographer ... your books have meant a great deal to me and I am searching for a writer rather than a theologian or church politician.
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> I have suffered and will, alas, continue to suffer from the unofficial sort of book. There is a collection just out which could be consigned to the category of "Hagiographical Stocking Fillers". There are more to come; but nobody has yet had access to any papers in the Lambeth archives.
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> I am not looking for a biography that has to come out in my lifetime ... Anyway, nothing in the next five years. Yet a biographer would probably want to spend some time with me before I decline into complete decrepitude.
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> I do not suppose I am a very good subject because I am not myself a writer. On the other hand I have been asociated with a good deal of interest in the past decade. There have been a good many people surrounding me who are writers and I suppose that I hope for something like an Inkling book. That is one of my favourites. If you thought it was worth a meeting, I would be very happy to give you lunch. Frankly, there are hardly any spaces in my diary before I leave Lambeth. Maybe it could wait until afterwards, but I am at the stage of destroying material and have an archivist at my elbow wishing to pounce on every morsel and a librarian wanting me to sign documents about ownership.
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> Have you read Owen Chadwick's biography of Michael Ramsey? That is a very different terrain, but it scores high marks on readability and breaks with the old-fashioned ecclesiastical mélange of letters and documents.
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> I keep in touch with your father and hope to see more of him after retirement. Sister Frances Dominica has arranged for me to have an Oxford *pied-à-terre* in the convent. They have a spare flat, so that should mean we will see something of each other whether this prospect I have advanced appeals or appals you.
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> Yours ever, Robert

DEAR ROBERT

> Many thanks indeed for your utterly surprising and absolutely delightful letter and its invitation. Obviously you require a quick answer, and the quick answer is "yes". We can leave the details until you're a free man. A few random observations: (1) I think you ought to realise that I am no longer a practising and believing member of the Church. A plain old-fashioned agnostic, in fact. I doubt whether this is necessarily a disqualification; I think a biographer always needs a certain distance from his subject. But you ought to be aware of it. (2) I am not sure whether it would be a good idea to wait a long time. I am inclined to say let's get on with it while your memories are absolutely fresh and a large number of people want to know about it all. (3) My only serious doubt is whether you should not write an autobiography instead ... I would love to pop in and talk for a few minutes. If I am to do a book, I would like to get a glimpse of your working conditions. Even if this project doesn't happen, it will be delightful to see you again ...

Days later, I had a phone call from him, during which we arranged for me to come to Lambeth and Canterbury the following week. He also wrote to me saying he had "no ambition to write my own biography", and added: "I don't mind your failure to pass a test of Anglican orthodoxy. One always hopes that writing my biography might be a conversion experience. But I can't think it would be."

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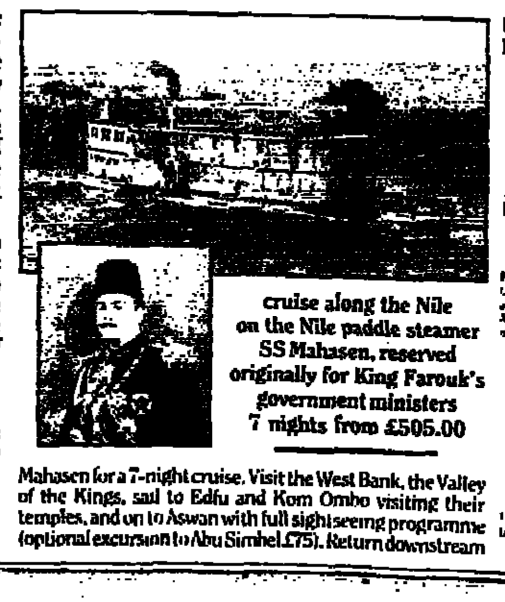

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Ian Hislop on his new TV series on the Church — and how his life changed when Richard Ingrams laughed

'People said you'll lose friends — and so I have'

DES JENSON

The God-fearing satirist: "The Church is really the history of guilty public schoolboys trying to reach out," says Hislop

THE VALERIE GROVE INTERVIEW

We have not heard the last of our former archbishops. Next week *Canterbury Tales*, a new Channel 4 series, will follow the tangled tale of the Church of England in the 20th century — chronically at odds with the State — and it is full of surprises.

The first is that the series is presented by Ian Hislop, the Editor of *Private Eye*: less well-known as a fastidiously upright, God-fearing fellow who finds his footsteps at Christmas and Easter leading him to the nearest church.

In a Lenten broadcast three years ago, when Radio 4 invited his reflections, Hislop obliged with a piece quoting Browning's Bishop Blougram: "*All we have gained then by our unbelief / Is a life of doubt diversified by faith / For one of faith diversified by doubt* . . ." "A life of doubt diversified by faith is roughly as far as I have got, now that I have reached the age that Christ died," Hislop, then 33, declared.

At 15, he had been dramatically gripped by God at school. There was a charismatic revival at Ardingly (his little-known South Coast boarding school, whose most distinguished old boy was Terry-Thomas). "Two old boys who had become missionaries returned to the school and had a startling effect. Christian Union membership went from about three to 150.

"Boys would get up in chapel services and witness to each other or speak in tongues. There would be mass conversions, hysteria, singing of choruses and exciting prayer meetings in the dormitory. But also a relishing of divine anarchy. The headmaster did the C of E thing, and let it run its course. Then we all did our A levels and went to school dances and started to pick up girls." But the fascination with Church matters has lingered.

We left his grimy office with its amazingly threadbare carpet. Soho is awash with smart brasseries these days but Hislop led me to a greasy spoon with Formica tables, plastic chairs and one solitary customer (male) spooning mush into a portly baby. Here he ordered a pot of tea. "I do find the Church very funny," he said. "It's really the history of guilty public schoolboys trying to reach out to the working classes."

In a deeply embarrassing opening piece of Pathé News footage from 1962, Father Tony Brown is seen putting a leather jacket over his cassock, riding his motorbike to a bikers' cafe and doing the Twist with Rockers. "Such a good metaphor for the C of E's desperate attempts to appeal to young people." Weren't the aged prelates slightly astonished to find the Editor of *Private Eye* interviewing them? "I think they have sufficient historical focus to realise that the history of satire is largely written by embittered priests, from Dean Swift onwards. And after meeting all these fantastically old chaplains and slum priests, I can't help admiring them really."

The series tells forgotten stories — about the tithe riots of the 1930s, and Conrad Noel, the vicar of Thaxted, who hung the red flag in his church. Women priests barely signify, "because after all the apocalyptic warnings, almost nothing happened. Last Christmas I went to a very high, smells-and-bells church in Clapham with a woman vicar and it seemed perfectly normal".

He married his wife Victoria in Magdalen Chapel, walking down the aisle to the stirring sounds of *Zadok the Priest*. They have two children, and live "near Wandsworth Common. That's specific enough for the loonies" and at a country retreat in Somerset, near Christopher Booker's old rectory. "Booker is is one of my father figures."

> 'All these slum priests — I can't help admiring them'

Hislop's own father died when he was 12, and his mother died two years ago, so beneath the quick-wittedness is a melancholy perspective on life.

His mother was always on his side — when he changed his A levels, switched his degree, and announced that he wanted to make jokes for a living, she always said: "Why not?"

He did not even see *Private Eye* until he was an undergraduate. Living abroad as a child, his introduction to humour was from his parents' records of *Beyond the Fringe* and Flanders and Swann. At Oxford he did comedy revues, and started his own magazine, *Passing Wind* — "appalling title, imagine trying to sell adverts to shops in the High" — with Nick Newman the cartoonist. He sent the magazine to Ingrams before going to interview him. (An effective way of getting on in media society. Tina Brown started at Oxford by writing about an *Eye* lunch.)

What changed his life was managing not to bore Richard Ingrams. Most people found Ingrams's impassive features and disconcerting silences intimidating; the undergraduate Hislop, unfazed, managed to make Ingrams laugh.

Ingrams allowed him to contribute jokes, and after a couple of years, made Hislop guest editor "in a spirit of mischief, really, just to see how annoyed everybody else would be. Which was very annoyed indeed. There was a lot of queenly flouncing out and 'who is this ridiculous little pipsqueak?' "

Soon the boy wonder was being groomed to take over. Ingrams took a long summer break, and again left the pipsqueak in charge. It took some mettle to carry on in the face of the old guard's jealous fury. When Ingrams anounced (at Auberon Waugh's retirement lunch, in March 1986) that he too was going, and that Hislop would be the new Editor, it was "as if the Archbishop of Canterbury had passed on his job to a 24-year-old".

> A balding little fogey was among the kinder epithets

A pushy midget whose feet would not reach the floor when he sat in the editorial chair, a deeply unpleasant little man, a balding, pug-faced little fogey — these were among the kinder epithets. Waugh said it would degenerate into a teenage comic.

But as the years passed — it is his tenth anniversary at the end of this month — even Waugh had to admit: "Young what's-his-name has pulled it together and it's really scarcely distinguishable from what it was."

"Part of me is slightly envious of people who take over magazines that are no bloody good, which offer scope for improvement," Hislop says. "I took it on at one of its peaks. Why change it?"

Even its victims must concede that life would be very boring without it. There is more attention to fat cats, pigs with their snouts in the trough, company directors plundering pension funds, etc. The libels have waned, after Hislop's memorable declaration "If this is justice, I'm a banana" on the steps of the High Court. There are fewer gibes at people of restricted growth. The cartoons are as good as ever.

Later that day he would be hosting the usual *Eye* lunch, at the horrible Coach and Horses, where guests — who included a famous television journalist and two Labour MPs — are encouraged to spill beans. He said later it had been "very productive".

He has a fortnightly column in a Sunday magazine where he airs his views — lately about the improvement in the nation's A-level results, on which he commented with a multiple-choice exam question. "A-level and GCSE results have reached new records this year. Is this because (a) *the nation's youth* is now brighter than at any time in the past, (b) educational standards are at an all-time high, or (c) exams are getting easier?"

"I do a lot of talking to sixth forms," he says, "and what really irritates me is the disparity between the brightness of the pupils and the fact that they don't know anything."

His children will go to private schools, as he did. " I wasn't going to spend my twenties and thirties sounding off about the iniquities of private education and then change my mind once I had children, as a lot of my contemporaries do."

Does he care what people think of him? "Not hugely. But I don't have Richard's total indifference. People said 'you'll lose friends', and I have." Does he pray? "I have resorted to prayer, yes." Like the organ-playing Ingrams, he is unable to accept attacks on the Deity, but perfectly happy to run attacks on the Church of England, which persists in providing the *Eye* with obvious targets. I hope to see next week's *Eye* parodying that risible new Christmas campaign, Bad Hair Day.

All change at the checkout

Robin Young on the revolution in supermarkets

I HAVE seen the future for shopping, and it is a doddle. The ordeal of standing in line at the supermarket checkout queue is going to be abolished. For the people of Reigate, Surrey, this dream became reality recently when their local Safeway became the first store in the country to accept automatic payment for goods they had scanned themselves as they filled their trolleys.

I was sent to Reigate to pick holes in the system, check out the technology and generally do my utmost to expose any weaknesses. First I had to register my Safeway ABC loyalty card for use with the new system. A work of moments, no difficulty there. Now when my loyalty card was put in a slot in the automatic payment system I was authorised to take a hand-scanner from the rack.

I elected to shop with a basket rather than a trolley and deliberately chose all the items most notoriously difficult to scan with a laser beam — things with crinkly packages and buckled bar-codes. The scanner worked every time. I did not even have to put my basket down to work it.

Fresh fruit and vegetables sold loose have to be taken to a weigh point where a display board helps even the most ignorant to identify what it is they are purchasing. Touch a pad under the appropriate picture, and out comes a bar-coded slip with all the information the automatic till will require. Little difficulty there.

[illegible] the technology napping, and hunted for "multi-savers", linked purchases which trigger special discounts or give the shopper something free.

At the automatic payment point I placed my hand-scanner back in the rack and received in return an itemised account of my purchases. As a first-time customer, a note at the bottom told me that I had to take my basket to be rescanned by Safeway staff.

Hooray! The customer services controller, Hazel Kerry, told me I was one of the few whose hand-scanned total did not tally with the staff's own reckoning.

ALAS, when we checked, it proved the mistake was mine, not the machinery's. I had been caught inadvertently trying to smuggle a jar of sun-dried tomatoes out without paying.

On the other hand, the system had itself slipped me an odd 10p by refunding £2.35 on a multisave that should only have been worth £2.25.

And when both those items were taken into account there was still a difference of 7p (in my favour) in the totals which was unaccounted for. "It is probably one of the fresh produce items where the store bar code has not been changed when we reduced the price overnight," Hazel confessed.

I paid by putting my loyalty card into a slot, presenting my itemised invoice in another slot for scanning, and then inserting a credit card. No queueing, no need to sign, no fuss. It was game, set and match to

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FOR THE WORLD'S BEST LEATHER

Philip Howard

■ Best foot forward for the local historian of our pedestrian race

By toasted teacake time today, Professor Christopher Elrington will roll up to the west front of York Minster. He will be travelling by Walker's Bus, otherwise known as Verruca's Scooter and the Fallen Arch Stagecoach. And he will be limping towards the end of his historic hike of more than 1,100 miles through all the shire counties of England. En route he has been pressganged into pushing the caravan of a dreadlocked traveller (at Tintagel). He has found himself entirely surrounded by barbed wire in a ploughed field in fenniest Cambridgeshire, only to be informed by the ploughman that the footpath he was following was for locals only, and so hidden. He has lost a stone, having started with nothing to lose. He has lost his way many times, but never his temper or his determination to carry on hiking.

For Professor Elrington is in the tradition of eccentric English walkers. He does not have the excuse of Phyllis Pearsall. She walked 3,000 miles to list the 23,000 roads for her *London A-Z* (which would be even more useful if some of the roads in Apache territory were marked with street signs). Slanderers said Phyllis walked only because she continually failed her driving test. Elrington claims to be a good driver, and is said (unpersuasively) to have passed his driving test.

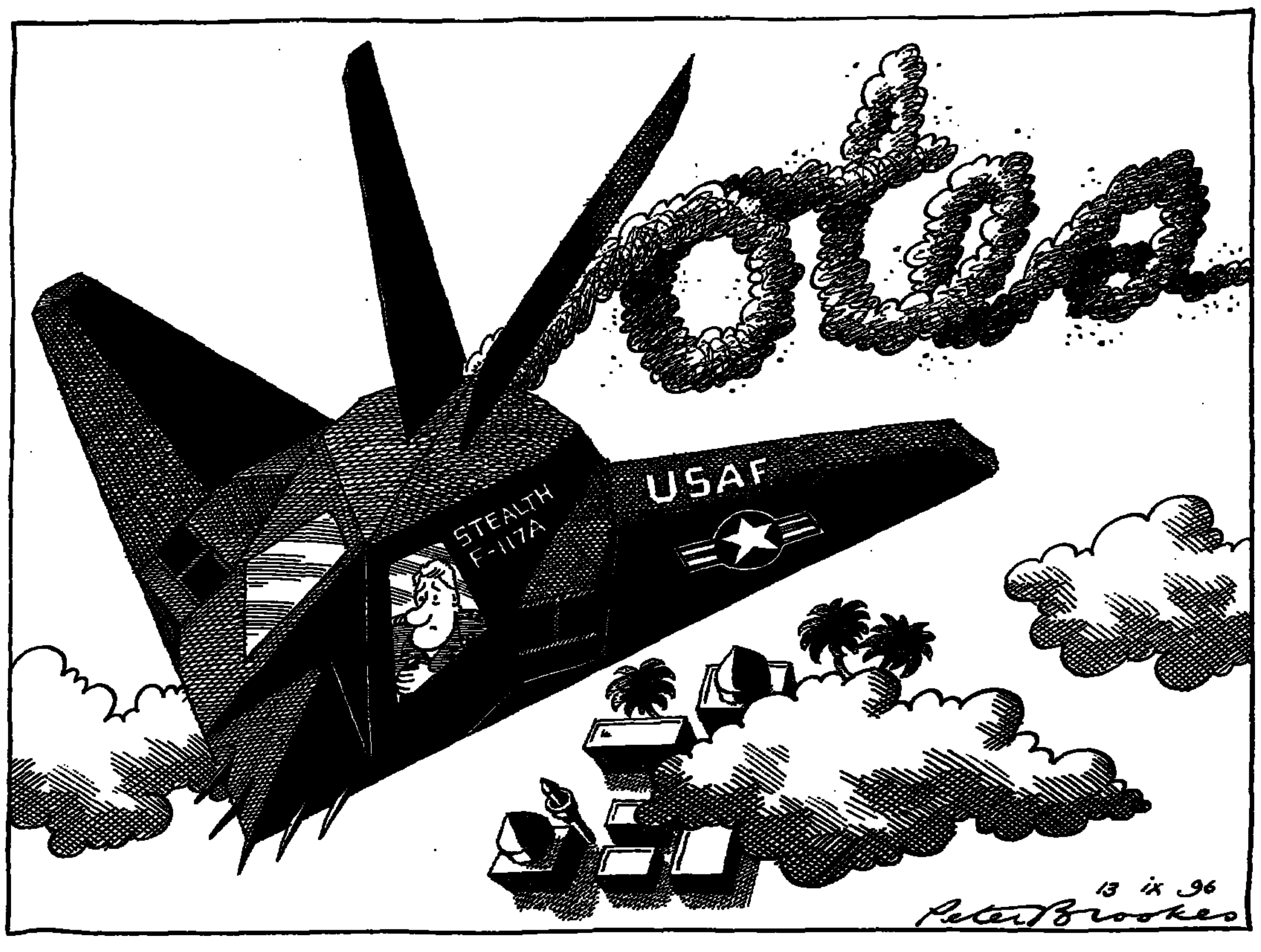
Nor is he walking just for pleasure. The batty English idea of going for a walk for no other purpose than going for a walk is as nauseating to Elrington as to Millamant. This eminent professor walks to spread the slogan for his *Victoria County History*. Any writer worth his modem who has to write about a county, town, parish or local peculiarity of England turns first to the VCH. If all the books that have been cribbed from the VCH were recycled into trees, they would make enough to recover the English counties with their primeval forest.

The VCH is one of the great Victorian literary institutions, like the OED, the DNB and *The Times*. More than 200 of its large red volumes have been published, but as many more still wait in the pipeline. The research and writing are financed largely by grants from public funds in the counties, and recently some of those grants have been reduced or withdrawn. So Professor Elrington has decided to put left leg in front of right, then right leg in front of left, and repeat the procedure until he can bring the majestic project to completion. That would be a far more useful object for the Millennium Fund than any of the daft proposals so far. For the VCH is the seedbed of English history.

And we English are a race of pedestrians. The Normans conquered us with horsemen in steel, but we English footmen turned our backs, plodded on and assimilated the mounted foreigners. Our country is small enough to be walkable. And it is far more interesting seen from a footpath than from a motorway. The most revealing *Rural Rides* have actually been rural walks. And walking London has a long literary tradition: remember young Dickens lying in bed in Highgate hearing the rustle of thousands of feet walking into London at 4am to work.

John Taylor, the "Water Poet" (1580-1653) made his living from sponsored walks. In 1618 he undertook to travel on foot from London to Edinburgh without taking a penny in his pocket, nor "begging, borrowing, or asking meat, drink, or lodging". These and similar hikes provided him with good copy, the patronage of the famous and a reputation as the McGonagall of his age. Like McGonagall, Taylor aspired to be Shakespeare: "Though I deserve not, I desire / The laurel wreath, the poet's hire." He never quite made it. The DNB unkindly describes him as a literary bargee — but it gives six pages of his publications.

To walk is the defining activity of man. When it is about 14 months old, the conscious mind commands a child "Stand!" And the child has entered the human commitment to walk upright. And immediately it needs a playpen. Walking is not eccentric. It is we of the deskbound, chairbound, carbound, travelator-surfing generation who are inhuman. And the hiking professor is just walking back to his roots in support of the local roots of history.



Abroad really is bloody

How few are the places of peace, and how lucky we are to live in one of them

Bernard Levin

Come, let us put all care aside for a change and think only about merriment, wassail, laughter and the pleasant side of the weather. And we shall start with a most striking headline: "Cars overturned as mob attacks National Gallery". Bravo! How wonderful it is to be living in a country so thirsty for art that it can never be slaked, and — as the headline tells — Trafalgar Square has been full of people fighting, literally fighting, to get a mere glimpse of the Degas and the Stubbs at the National Gallery.

No, alas, readers, I am cheating; I dare say you realised that. But if you didn't, try this:

> England football fans went on the rampage after the national football team's Wembley defeat last night, throwing missiles at police and bystanders, looting shops, and burning cars . . . crowd-control barriers were overturned and a hot-dog stand smashed by thugs eager to take on the police in a pitched battle . . . shortly after midnight the mob surged to the north of Trafalgar Square, standing on the steps of the National Gallery, throwing missiles through its windows . . .

We might as well toss in a few headlines, for instance: "Russian student stabbed five times in the neck and chest after his attackers heard his accent . . . Dozens of cars set on fire . . . Groups of yobs intent on confrontation . . . Riot stirred up by four gangs" — and of course — it is absolutely *de rigueur* in these merriments — "MPs say tabloids are to blame for football violence".

And that is only football. There are lots more from other sources.

Take the 74-year-old Betty Ellis, who was in Dachau concentration camp and lived to tell the tale. But Nazi *gauleiters* are nothing to the children of Birmingham today. A 10-year-old knocked on her door, asking if he could get his football back from her garden, and when she let him in, he and another boy allegedly knocked her to the ground, broke a couple of her ribs, and ran off with her purse. To which she said: "You just don't expect children to do that sort of thing." Oh, Madam, you had better start expecting *right now*.

By now the theme of my column must be coming clear. But I must say that I am not just piling up a heap of dreadfulnesses (though I could pile up an Everest of them in half an hour); my purpose is to make clear the differences of our horrors and the horrors of other countries. I begin with Sri Lanka.

> What though the spicy breezes
> Blow soft o'er Ceylon's isle;
> Though every prospect pleases,
> And only man is vile?

"And only man is vile". You're telling me, Bishop, especially when I see a headline reading "Troops kill 200 rebels in Sri Lankan assault". The Tamil Tigers want a separate state; the leaders of Sri Lanka do not want to give them one. Silly? "Sunday's fighting . . . has claimed 300 lives." How silly can you get?

And Peru's long struggle against the Shining Path guerrilla group has taken a turn for the worse: "with a deadly series of bombings and attacks . . . more than 35,000 people . . . since 1980 . . . government has detained more than 500,000 suspects . . ."

And then again there is Seoul, South Korea, where "prosecutors demanded, on Monday, that a former President, Chun Doo Hwan, be executed, and that his successor, Roh Tae Woo, be imprisoned for life for presiding over some of the bloodiest days of South Korea's authoritarian past . . . Both men are also accused of using bribes to amass hundreds of millions of dollars in secret political slush funds."

And what about that startling headline "Algeria buries murdered bishop"? If the murder of bishops is to become a frequent occurrence, things have come to a pretty pass, but the truth is that the murder of bishops is indeed going to grow; you only need the mad Islamic fundamentalists, who have killed and will continue to kill.

And what of the power struggle in Indonesia? Suharto was and is nothing but the head of a murderous regime of thugs, who like having their opponents killed if they can get away with it, which they can. And I remember vividly the apologies for the regime by Patrick Nicholls, MP, who was very cross with me because I wrote 1,500 words on the genocidal regime that slaughtered countless innocents at East Timor (experts say probably about 200,000). I wonder if Mr Nicholls, MP, is having second thoughts now about what happened: if so, I shall be the first to congratulate him.

And why — Mr Nicholls, MP, may say — is this story being brought up again now? It is because the oppressed people of East Timor, and indeed the Indonesian opposition, have once again found a hero (actually a heroine) to plead their case before the bar of decency, truth, honour and democracy — four things that Suharto knows not of.

The heroine is Megawati Sukarnoputri, and we might start with the obvious. The obvious is that Suharto and members of his family and friends have accumulated vast wealth: the corruption is so gross that the middle classes, who are well-off by Indonesian standards, flock to Mrs Megawati. But beyond those who can (again by Indonesian standards) get by, there are *by World Bank definitions, thirty million living in absolute poverty*. You ask: "How can that be tolerated?" You are naïve; by proportion, Indonesia has one of the largest armies in the world, and the irony is that only the army could — and one day may — throw out Suharto and his thieves.

Indonesia? It is a long way away. In our country, one in ten — more likely one in fifty — could point to Indonesia on a globe.

Then we learn that there is more and more violent crime in the nascent South Africa, where we thought, because black had turned to white and vice versa, all would be well for ever.

In this tiny collection that I have put before you today, there are no fewer than seven warring tribes, some of them internecine, others awaiting a chance to strike; many don't know or care what they are going to fight and kill — great heaven, I swear that there is not a Tamil Tiger in the universe who truly understands why he is killing or being killed.

Now let us go back, for a moment, to Mrs Betty Ellis. Take the words that she said as soon as she was capable of speech after being assaulted: "You just don't expect children to do that sort of thing." I made a harmless joke, but burnt into my mind and soul in that moment was something very much greater than any joke.

Look through that catalogue of horrors, of countries where no man or woman is truly safe. Look thoroughly, because I have the list at my hand: Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tigers; Peru and the Shining Path; South Korea; Algeria; Indonesia; South Africa. And I have not mentioned Burundi or Grozny.

We pick up *The Times* at breakfast, and all too frequently we find in it a murder or a brutal robbery. But just as we shake our heads in sadness and horror, we stop, or we should. Because we have realised that in our country such crimes are the rarity, and in every one of that catalogue of countries it is the norm, and for mass murder of children we have to go to Dunblane and a raving lunatic. (But I must not cheat; springing from Belgium, a new horror has grown, and we learn that the number of paedophiles grows apace in our country.)

Perfection is not to be found this side of heaven. But a reasonable measure of ordinariness, calm, decency and laughter, we can expect. So how do we secure it? After all, the peaceful places of the world come down to a sprinkling of Western Europe, Australia and New Zealand, my beloved India (hanging on by its teeth), Canada (but alas not the United States), bits and pieces from this or that continent. In how few countries — how few? — can people be sure that when they lie down to sleep they will also wake.

We all think grimly: "Suppose I had been born somewhere else — somewhere terrible?" After all, we are only a tiny bundle among the huge numbers. And indeed I might have missed being born in Britain; both my grandparents and my father were born in Russia, and they might have stayed there, to be murdered by Stalin or Hitler.

Go down the lines again — the lines of Sri Lanka, the Tamil Tigers, Peru's Shining Path, Seoul, Algeria, Indonesia, South Africa. And pause for a few moments in silence. And if tonight you wake screaming, thank your forebears that it was only a dream.

Social services on trial

Sheila Lawlor on alternatives to the officials' monopoly

Every week there seems to be a new story about the powers of the social services and their abuse. Yesterday, an independent inquiry was set up into Hackney local authority's handling of the Mark Trotter affair. A childcare worker with a police record of abusing children in Liverpool was employed by Hackney and worked at a children's home. Seventeen councillors resigned over what they saw as a cover-up. Despite a violation of the law, there was no simple or quick way to challenge bureaucratic authority.

And there is another aspect to an overpowerful local bureaucracy. Last week's tale of the father caught up in a world of police arrest and overnight incarceration, and subsequently made the subject of a report by the local social services, has tinges of Kafka. The father had reprimanded his 12-year-old son for bullying the younger children. The boy refused to go to his room, and in the course of a struggle to take him there, his father slapped him. The boy went to the police station to report the "crime". The police came to arrest the father — a teacher with no record of wrongdoing — despite his wife's explaining the situation. He spent the night in jail, was banned from the family house and subsequently brought to court.

Were the authorities in this case acting legally? Technically, yes. A child can report an assault and, under the 1989 Children Act, bring an action against his father. The police can investigate and arrest. The social services can advise the police and the courts on the interests of the child.

Yet this is not Kafka's country but Britain, where the liberties of individual men and women, including parents, are supposedly protected. Innocence is presumed unless guilt is proven. Parliament rules, not bureaucracy. A knock on the door should not pose a sinister threat — unless one is a criminal.

Such simple truths have been occluded as the intellectual fashions of recent decades have left their mark on law and policy. Campaigns for new thinking about "rights" have singled out specific groups (women, ethnic minorities, children) for special treatment under the law. But one group's "rights", promoted as an end in themselves, are often at the expense of another's.

Take the Children Act of 1989. The laudable intention was to protect both children and parents. Yet as with other good intentions of the 1980s, the law in its practical application has ended by reflecting the views of pressure groups. Thus the rights of the parents, the family or of the other children may take second place to that of the child who takes the case to law. In another recent case, a 16-year-old girl left home to live with her boyfriend against her parents' wishes. She received legal aid to challenge the parental sanction that she should not now see her six and seven-year-old siblings.

Along with legal changes, there has been a huge expansion of the machinery of state. The powers and budgets of local authority social services departments have expanded, and they enjoy a near monopoly on official advice and judgment on law and directives relating to families and children. In the 25 years of their existence, they have supplanted the voluntary and charitable bodies which in the past gave social care.

The potential power of the official had been anticipated much earlier by the German sociologist Max Weber. In 1918, in a lecture on socialism, he argued that "in public enterprises . . . the powerfully and exclusively dominant figure is the official: it is not the worker . . . It is the dictatorship of the official . . . which . . . is on the advance".

The question facing us today is how to challenge that dictatorship. In the long term, the law itself will need radical review — not by the interest groups, but by non-partisan and practical lawyers, sceptical of the modes of thinking which have brought the law into disrepute and disturbed the balance of justice.

But justice should not await that outcome. To protect children, and indeed parents, a way to challenge the monopoly of the official must be quickly established. Social services should no longer have monopoly powers over children at risk. In dealing with parents, the police should seek advice from reputable people outside the battlefield of doctrine: employers, schools, the family doctor, churches. In other areas too (such as adoption), reputable independent and charitable bodies should be encouraged to register as providers of services now almost exclusively in hands of officials, and responsibility and funding should be diverted. A precedent has been established in school inspection, with independent inspectors being registered under Ofsted.

Furthermore, the police should be encouraged to concentrate on real crime — burglary, assault and child abuse — rather than on soft targets who are far from being criminal. Misguided adolescents, as well as their innocent parents, would benefit. When the police and social services take up children's complaints, the result is to split them further from their families and to turn them into clients of the social worker or the welfare state. They would do better to ride out the difficulties of growing up under the care of their parents, for whom children are not part of the struggle for a new society, but treasured though imperfect souls to be nurtured to responsible adulthood.

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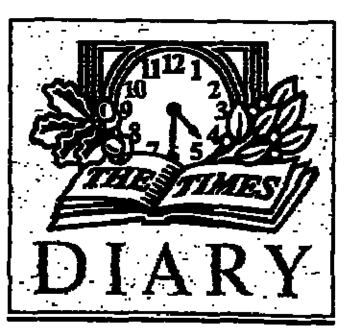

My optic

UNSETTLING news from the literary world. Auberon Waugh, Editor of the *Literary Review* and distinguished columnist, can no longer read books. Deteriorating eyesight has precipitated this sad state of affairs, which he is bearing with impressive equanimity.

Waugh has taken to wearing a vast magnifying glass round his neck to help his weary eyes, but this helps only a little. "I don't read books any more," he said. "My eyes go out of focus after a very short time. I can read short passages, but books are impossible."

Bron was speaking of his difficulty at a literary function held this week at the Groucho Club in Soho. Fortunately, there is no danger of the disability forcing him to hand over the reins of his fine magazine. "Not reading books is probably rather a good recommendation for being Editor of the *Literary Review*," he said.

● *Sound medical advice was given by Dr Jonathan Miller to his leading diva in rehearsals before his production of* La traviata *last night at the ENO. He insisted that the dying heroine remained firmly in bed throughout the last act. "She just wouldn't have the energy to do anything else," he explained to the cast. "So we won't have the customary final lap of honour round the stage before she collapses and dies, thank you."*

Party strife

PARANOIA is tightening its grip on Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party, and with good reason. When they stop sweeping their HQ for bugging devices, party workers should look carefully at two of their latest candidate recruits, John Aspinall and James Osborne. They share a nephew in George Osborne, special adviser to Douglas Hogg, the Minister of Agriculture. At the general election, as his uncles fight their seats for Goldsmith, the Gucci-clad George Osborne will be giving daily morning press briefings to the Prime Minister.

More evidence of nervousness in the Referendum Party comes in an edict from Goldsmith's bunker, stating that party organisers are to abstain from lunching with the press until after the election.

"We think it was welded together from two vehicles"

● *Time to end the rumours surrounding Princess Caroline of Monaco's shaven head. It is not the result of chemotherapy or any punk leanings. According to close friends, the explanation is alopecia, a scalp condition remedied by plenty of fresh air and sunshine on the bare head.*

School's in

ANN CLWYD, MP, may be an unreconstructed old Labourite and thorn in Tony Blair's side, but she recognises the old school tie when she needs it. Clwyd wrote to Sir Ronald Waterhouse, chairman of the current tribunal of inquiry into North Wales child abuse, on behalf of five of the victims. She was asking the judge to rule that funds be made available for their representation. Thoughtfully she concluded her letter: "Can I wish you every success with the inquiry. I am sure that it could not be in better hands than a former pupil of Holywell Grammar School — as I once was myself!"

Her request was granted.

Speedy diplomacy

Reeve gauche

NEWS that French ambassadors have been instructed to boost their country's prestige by dressing with more style and tanning themselves cuts little ice in Whitehall. They remember Sir Antony Acland, slicker than Brylcreem, when he was described in Washington as having "one pinstripe too many".

My vote for stylish diplomacy goes to our man in the Ukraine, the no-nonsense bearded motorbike rider Roy Reeve. He's never be seen on a sunbed, but he gets the job done better than most.

Under there

THE SECRETS of Peter Lilley's underwear will be revealed by his wife Gail to millions of television viewers next Thursday in a BBC2 documentary, *The System*.

Filmed while being made-up for his speech at last year's Conservative conference, the boot-faced Social Security Secretary looks yet more glum when a beautician starts hunting for some hairspray. "It's not a beauty contest," he complains. Mrs Lilley disagrees: "Parade around in your boxer shorts," she says.

Debbie Harry in the old days

● *Broader in the beam and saggier of chin, Blondie, the 1970s pop group, are re-forming. Possibly hoping to fill the gap left by the apparent split of Oasis, four members of the band are to join up for a reprise of such foot-tappers as* Atomic *and* Denis Denis. *The regrouping follows the rather disappointing solo career of the lead singer Debbie Harry.*

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CURB THE CULL

Britain must no longer wait for vague EU promises

It was announced from Downing Street yesterday that Douglas Hogg, the Agriculture Minister, is to hold a fresh round of talks with Brussels on the cattle cull. What he should tell the European Commission is that the Government now sees no valid scientific, political or moral reason for carrying out the massive slaughter that it has been cajoled by its European partners into accepting.

All the latest evidence shows that a more limited cull would be workable and no less effective in eradicating BSE. Such an announcement risks the anger of European partners; but this is as nothing compared with the disastrous effects the present vacillation is having on Britain's farmers and on the Government's credibility.

The Government has an obligation to ensure that British beef is safe and to do what it can to prise open the export markets. The sole rationale for a cull that would wreak financial and emotional havoc on Britain's farmers is that only by killing such large numbers will Britain persuade its partners to lift the export ban. It is now abundantly clear that no matter how many cattle are slaughtered, European governments, faced with a collapsing beef market and fierce consumer resistance, have no intention of allowing British beef back into their countries or of easing the global export ban. In speeches and committee hearings they have given every sign that for them the Florence understanding is an empty shell. Britain should, therefore, repatriate the issue. Henceforth all decisions on how to deal with this catastrophe must be based on the only valid criterion: available scientific evidence.

That has always been in short supply. Recent figures argue, however, for a more targeted approach. The most encouraging is the announcement that since the end of May there have been no cases of the new form of Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. There has not been the predicted explosion of the presumed human equivalent of BSE. The second finding is that BSE is likely to run its course within five years. That is still too long, and uncertainty has been increased by the discovery of maternal transmission. The Government should stick to its insistence that 22,000 last-born calves must be destroyed. But there is no need to increase the cull simply to regain consumer confidence.

Mr Hogg will meet the predictable opposition of the Commission to any reduction in the cull's scope. That is because beef politics is one of the most sensitive issues in Europe today and because EU nations could not endorse the scrapping of the Florence agreement so soon after it was hailed as the way forward. But Franz Fischler, the Agriculture Commissioner, is not alone in knowing that Florence was, in reality, an accord which satisfied no one. He and his fellow Commissioners would be heartily glad to see the BSE issue removed from their dossiers. They cannot give Britain any assurance that the export ban will be lifted, even within two years. They see a British beef market that is recovering, and do not want to be the butt of British farmers' anger, or caught in constant rows between veterinary committees.

The Government's focus must now turn inwards. So far the cull is behind target, erratic and badly organised. Farmers have no idea how many cows they will eventually have to kill, how long they must feed those condemned, who is supervising the timetable for the cows' destruction and what steps the Government will take to compensate them for their losses. It has been a failure of nerve, of policy and of political vision. Mr Hogg should tell the Commission in Brussels that Britain will no longer wait for vague promises or vanishing prospects of relief. The disease began here and will be eradicated here: not on the streets of Paris or among the fearful consumers of Germany.

ADAPT OR DIE

South Africa's National Party requires fundamental reform

For a man who has had such an enormous impact on the future of his country, F. W. de Klerk's impression on the National Party he heads has been surprisingly modest. As his interview with *The Times* today indicates, the former President knows his objective must be to rectify that imbalance. South Africa, he rightly argues, needs greater party competition based less strictly on race.

The African National Congress, as Mr de Klerk sees it, is an anti-apartheid coalition that now faces the politics of hard choices. While Nelson Mandela remains at the helm its diverse strands will probably hold together; after that its factions could drift apart. The task before the National Party, by contrast, is to reach out to a much wider constituency than it has hitherto. That challenge is easily identified. How to meet it has proved more contentious.

Several factors conspired to delay reform. While the party was engaged in negotiations for the transfer of power between 1990 and 1993 this task seemed far more important than introspection. But because of that missed chance it entered the first all-race elections in April 1994 with little message beyond exploiting the concerns of whites, Indians, and Coloureds over what a black majority regime might do. After that it joined the Government of National Unity, again postponing significant internal change despite a deepening identity crisis. All this was compounded by the hasty decision to leave office this summer before the party's fundamental questions had been addressed, never mind answered.

Mr de Klerk has recently turned his full attention to this problem. His appointment in February of Roelf Meyer, a highly regarded former Minister of Constitutional Development, as party secretary-general was a positive step. Yet the wider matter of the party's direction is still very uncertain. It remains obsessed with an unconvincing justification of its past.

In his remarks Mr de Klerk spoke of the importance of "values" in a future political appeal. That implies some sort of African Christian Democratic Party as his model. An organisation of this title and thinking already exists and has not demonstrated electoral appeal. There is little evidence that enough South Africans want to take religion into politics in this manner. It is also difficult to envisage any direct appeal to the expanding black middle class, surely the basis for any serious future rival to the ANC, emerging from this route. Large sections of the National Party, especially its black supporters, acknowledge this and have urged a sweeping reassessment.

When he first embarked on his historic programme it was fashionable to bracket Mr de Klerk with Mikhail Gorbachev. That comparison looked less flattering as time went on and is rigorously resisted by him now. It might, however, be worth his while investigating the means by which some former Communists in Central and Eastern Europe have engineered their comeback. That strategy involved a new name, accepting the verdict of history and drawing a line under it, rapidly promoting new figures untainted by the past, and eagerly adapting to a new economic environment. If it is to prosper, or even survive, the National Party will require no less radical a transformation.

SEE THE MYSTERIES

A Chinese guide for the present and the past

Today the British Museum opens its doors to the first explorers of *The Mysteries of Ancient China*. It is not only a thrilling exhibition to the eye: the objects on display have, in only a few years, forced the rewriting of history.

This is the second great China exhibition to be sponsored by *The Times*. The first, *The Genius of China* at Burlington House in 1973, opened the eyes of thousands to the vigour, sophistication and captivating artistry of Chinese culture. It caught and held the imagination of young people for whom this had been unknown territory; some of them now belong to the British Museum's new generation of China scholars.

This exhibition takes the process of exploration a stage further. Brought from museums all over China with the generous co-operation of Zhang Wenbin, the director of China's State Administration of Cultural Relics, are clay pots, bronzes and jades from Chinese Bronze Age societies whose existence was until very recently unsuspected by the Chinese themselves.

This mood of discovery is captured immediately at the entrance to the exhibition, where the Marquis of Yi's 36 great bronze bell chimes, dating back to the Warring States period in the 5th century BC, have been magnificently remounted. It was these bells, together with another set found near by, that yielded a map of the Ancient

European Renaissance, China turned with passion to its hidden past.

The archaeologists who are sifting China's rich yellow earth are natural partners for journalists. We both chase new knowledge; we both learn to respect the tricks of evidence; and we share a driving interest in the methods, beliefs and organisation by which human beings form their diverse societies and nations. Alongside the fascination of uncovering hidden histories comes the pleasure of finding how similar are human impulses, even when lives are separated by great tracts of time and space. We may pride ourselves that our methods of inquiry are more precise than were the divination tools used by 13th-century BC Shang priests, but the topics that concerned them — military strategy, the harvest and the hunt, the weather and even royal misadventures — are familiar.

For *The Times* therefore, this renews a proud tradition of cultural sponsorship in a particularly appropriate way. Joseph Needham, the great pioneer of the history of Chinese science, once wrote of Europe and China that "no sea divides us, but oceans do". The oceans of incomprehension are much less formidable today, but voyages such as this exhibition provides are rarely on offer. Those who visit *The Mysteries of Ancient China* between now and January 5 will delight in its surprises and its beauty; they will also gain something less tangible

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Uncertain future of student loans

From Mr Richard Tate

Sir, The announcement that the Government intends to privatise the student loans scheme (report and Pennington, September 12) fills me, a new student, with dismay. The Education Secretary, Gillian Shephard, claims that the terms on which students receive loans will not change; if this is so, why is the scheme being privatised?

In my view the student loans scheme should not be run by a company which makes a profit; indeed any money made should be used for administration costs. Surely any buyer would want to increase profitability, and this inevitably has serious ramifications for student finance.

I will be attending Nottingham Trent University in a couple of weeks, with a full annual maintenance grant of £1,710; my accommodation costs alone in a hall of residence will amount to £2,055, therefore I cannot see a way of avoiding taking out a loan from the Student Loans Company at some point.

The Government does not seem to realise that students are the future of this country and that most will be eligible to vote in the general election for the first time. It seems to me that, with the cuts in higher education funding and maintenance grants, the Government is, in essence, stealing from the country's future.

The Student Loan Company is an organisation in which students are forced to place a great deal of trust. That trust should not be undermined by a Government which needs money to try to bribe the electorate with tax cuts in November.

There should be adequate safeguards to ensure that the financial burdens on students are not exacerbated by unreasonable demands, through interest charges or repayment pressure, from a private company or consortium out to make a quick profit.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD TATE,
Low Wood View,
5 Bainton Road, Tibthorpe,
nr Driffield, East Yorkshire.
September 12.

Case for a Defender of the Faith with 'honest doubts'

From Dr N. C. Bhaskaran

Sir, I feel compelled to respond to the debate, addressed today by William Rees-Mogg, on whether the Prince of Wales should be seen to "love the Church a little more" in order to be the constitutional Defender of the Faith of the Church of England (see also letters, September 10 and 11).

The fact that the Prince projects a religious broad-mindedness, acknowledging the role of other religions, cannot be held against him. Broad-minded views can only unite the hopelessly divided world, in which today more fights are fought in the name of God than in any other.

One would have imagined that the theologians would be in the forefront of a concerted effort to unite rather than to divide people in the name of religion.

It is a credit to Prince Charles, and the entire Church of England, that he is able to see that Church as no more equal than other religions.

Yours sincerely,
N. C. BHASKARAN,
51 Robertson Road,
Walkley, Sheffield.
September 12.

From Mr Stephen N. David

Sir, With due respect to the arguments in your leading article of September 10, I believe that the monarch's job is to be, not to feel; to be a symbol, not an agonising soul.

Anglicanism is part of the job description of the monarch, and part of the constitution of 50 million people. Charles should accept the whole package, not just the parts he prefers.

If the heir to the throne cannot put the demands of the constitution ahead of his personal beliefs, then a republic is inevitable.

Yours faithfully,
S. N. DAVID,
The Mill, Godmanstone, Dorset.
September 10.

From Ms Gillian Cohn

Sir, What I found particularly offensive in Humphrey Carpenter's revelations, quoted in the extracts which you published today, was Lord Runcie's remark: "He's on about the grandeur of our cathedrals and epic language of the Prayer Book, but he wants to be *exploring Hinduism with the people* in the inner cities."

Surely, it is the mark of a cultured and civilised man to be imbued with curiosity about, and fascination for, the many forms of worship which exist outside the Anglican communion, and to be concerned with faith in the widest sense.

Where is the contradiction? Will we *not all* be the Prince's subjects when he ascends to the throne? Does Lord Runcie imagine that those of us who are not bound by the Holy Trinity and the Anglican communion will be excluded from the Kingdom?

Yours etc,
GILLIAN COHN,
C3 Elm Court, 71 Barlow Moor Road,
Didsbury, Manchester.
September 9.

From Dr Robert Tyler

Sir, Your readers may be interested to know the context of your front-page photograph (September 10) of the Prince of Wales threading a needle "as controversy raged over his religious beliefs".

The occasion was the opening of this new Church of England education and training centre in inner-city Birmingham, during which the Prince visited an adult education hat-making class. He also visited the worship room and showed great interest in our approach to Christianity — one which addresses all faiths through dialogue and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,
ROBERT TYLER,
Centre Director,
St George's Post 16 Centre,
Newtown, Birmingham.
September 10.

From Mrs S. T. Chrystall

Sir, Surely it is time for everyone to stop castigating Prince Charles for one thing or another?

He has spent his life trying to help his people in many ways. He has a deep spiritual awareness which, if allowed to express itself, would draw together his multi-racial subjects, be they Church of England, Hindu, Catholic, Buddhist or Muslim. This is *the only way forward for us as a* multi-ethnic people.

We would all be enriched in the process, and Charles will make in due course a wonderful King, a King for our time and for the 21st century.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHANIE CHRYSTALL,
Blackwater Farm, Sherfield English,
Romsey, Hampshire.
September 10.

From Mr Peter Goodford

Sir, The time is long past since there has been an ecumenical council of the eastern and western churches. It was the prerogative of princes to call these meetings, and there are very few princes who have the dedication, interest and will-power to attempt such a task today.

Our Prince of Wales certainly has the first two of these qualities, and he might achieve universal acclaim if he also proves to possess the strength of character needed to unite our divided Christendom. He may well be the last person who will ever be able to do so, and it would be the job of a lifetime.

Yours faithfully,
PETER GOODFORD,
The Old Vicarage,
Ascott under Wychwood,
Oxfordshire.
September 10.

From Mr John L. Aimers

Sir, If the choice lies between my future King — with some honest doubts about his Church — and my past Archbishop — who brings scandal to that Church and hurt to the Royal Family by breaking the bond of confidentiality implicit in their special relationship — give me Charles every time!

Yours faithfully,
JOHN L. AIMERS
(Dominion Chairman and Founder),
The Monarchist League of Canada,
49 St Clair Avenue West, #505,
Toronto, Canada.
September 10.

Russia's Army

From Lieutenant Commander D. L. Thomas RN (retd)

Sir, "Does not the war in Chechenia, like the Afghan war before it, show that the might of the Russian Army is after all a myth, created by the Russians and the West to frighten us all?", asks Mr Nasir Saberi (letter, August 31).

The answer is "No, not really." The Russian Army during the Cold War was specifically designed for the rapid conquest of Western Europe using World War Two-style *blitzkrieg* tactics. What it lacked in technical sophistication was compensated for by weight of numbers in men and materiel.

Once the smaller professional military forces available to Nato had been overwhelmed and destroyed, the Western European countries could be held down by a combination of quislings, the KGB and Interior Ministry troops. Resistance movements would be difficult to organise and would lack effective weapons, it having been a policy of Western European governments since 1917 to disarm their populations as a prophylactic against revolution.

In both Afghanistan and Chechenia the Russian Army was being tasked with operations for which it was neither trained nor equipped. Short of implementing a policy of total destruction (of both people and property) its failure was predictable. Also, perhaps crucially, most Afghan men possessed rifles and knew how to use them.

Yours sincerely,
DAVID THOMAS,
Akroyd Cottage, Abbey Park Lane,
Burnham, Buckinghamshire.
September 3.

Mapplethorpe show

From the Director of the Hayward Gallery

Sir, Contrary to your report of September 9, "Child charities attack gallery's explicit display", the portrait of a young girl which you mention is not included in the forthcoming retrospective of Robert Mapplethorpe's work opening here next week.

This comprehensive exhibition (including the portrait in question) has already travelled to 13 major public galleries worldwide, to great acclaim. We have always known that the Hayward would not be able to accommodate all the works, due to space limitations. Given the nature of Mapplethorpe's work, we consulted the police and took legal advice some time ago.

In considering our final selection, we concluded that it would be inappropriate, in the current climate, to include this particular portrait, commissioned from the artist in 1976. The exhibition will nevertheless represent the full range of Mapplethorpe's powerful and uncompromising work.

Yours sincerely,
SUSAN BRADES, Director,
Hayward Gallery,
SBC, Royal Festival Hall, SE1.
September 10.

Making reparation with Nazi gold

From the Policy Director of Mind

Sir, As debate grows on how the Nazi gold held in Swiss bank accounts can be repaid to its rightful owners (reports, September 10, 11, 12; leading article, September 11; article, September 12), we should pause to consider the different ways that Hitler's regime made money from its victims.

The so-called "euthanasia programmes" — in which about 250,000 adults and children with mental and physical disabilities were murdered in Germany and its occupied territories — were justified on the grounds of the economic savings to be made through "disinfecting" (killing) these "useless eaters". It was estimated that the first wave of killing — 70,273 people up to 1941 — saved 885,439,800 Reich Marks, *assuming an average life* expectancy of ten years.

Reparation could be made by allocating a proportion of the Nazi gold to groups of people with psychiatric or physical disabilities, whose sense of security in the world was so devastated by the Holocaust, and who are now working to assure their rightful place in society.

Yours faithfully,
LIZ SAYCE,
Policy Director, Mind,
15-19 Broadway, E15.
September 12.

From Mr H. H. Marcus

Sir, The publication of the Foreign Office report on the movement of Nazi gold in and out of Germany did not adequately deal with undisclosed prewar accounts held in Swiss banks.

As a lawyer advising descendants of Holocaust victims I have spoken to many clients, now usually in their seventies, who have very reasonable grounds to believe that their fathers or grandfathers made provision for their families in Switzerland before the war, but so far none of them have been able to identify the banks or details of such accounts. The establishment last year by the Swiss authorities of a banking ombudsman in Zurich may possibly lead to some elucidation in a few cases.

The only fair and equitable way to deal with this problem is for the Swiss to lift the banking secrecy in cases where there has been no movement on an account for, say, 50 years. These accounts should be published, giving details of the person who opened the account. Most of them will be dead, but it would help the survivors to identify their inheritance and enable researchers to look for the legitimate heirs, who would then be able to pursue their claim by following appropriate probate proceedings.

Perhaps Mr Rifkind, who is due to visit Switzerland shortly, can persuade his Swiss counterpart to do just this.

Yours faithfully,
H. H. MARCUS,
Edmonds Bowen & Company,
4 Old Park Lane, W1.
September 12.

Down's syndrome

From Mr Robert Lord

Sir, It was heartening to read the sympathetic feature by Rachel Campbell-Johnston (August 28) concerning the effects of segregation on those born with Down's syndrome.

During my work (as an interior colour consultant) I have on many occasions come into contact in institutions with people with Down's syndrome. Their disposition seems to provide them with an above-average capacity to put themselves out for others, to give and when necessary to forgive.

Segregation unfortunately means that the public is denied a beneficial contact which could put right many a misplaced concept concerning these gentle souls. Their innocence, however, might make them all too vulnerable were it not for organisations that provide shelter and a working community life.

As Ms Campbell-Johnston hints, abortion must remain a personal decision for parents. However, we may hope that doctors advising them about Down's syndrome children will be able to describe their loving nature from personal experience.

Yours sincerely,
ROBERT LORD,
Chelwood Vachery,
Nutley, East Sussex.
September 3.

Morningside patter

From Mr Jeremy Lemmon

Sir, In his letter of September 2 about the pronunciation of "Edinburgh" (see also letter, September 5), Mr A. D. Matheson offers "the standard Fife rendition of 'Embrae': which … rhymes with William McGonagall's 'silvery' Tay".

The reference would surely not have pleased that opinionated poet, since he seems to have preferred yet another challenging pronunciation:

When the train left Edinboro,
The passengers' hearts were light
and felt no sorrow

Yours faithfully,

From Mr C. F. MacLaren

Sir, On a recent train journey I may have lighted on the definitive pronunciation of Edinburgh.

As we neared the city an Olympian voice announced: "This train is now approaching Embro Wavey."

As a long-expatriate Scot, my tribal memory was enough to tell me that if "Wavey" could be Waverley, then I was on the right train for Edinburgh.

Yours sincerely,
COLIN MacLAREN,
The Coach House,
Eye Park, Eye, Suffolk.

Letters should carry a daytime

Whale bones

From Mr Nicholas Redman

Sir, I only wish your report was correct in stating (Hidden Assets, Business, September 7) that the grotto at Heythrop Park in Oxfordshire still houses the skeleton of a bottle-nosed whale.

Sadly this is not the case. The skeleton, which dated back to the 1870s, was removed in 1991 and taken off to the Natural History Museum in London, where, disarticulated, it remains in store. Although it was suffering in its dark and damp home, it is a pity that it proved impossible to preserve it in situ.

In the 19th century full-size whale skeletons were often displayed in public, and sometimes went on tour, not just in this country, but round the rest of Europe and to America. The setting up of skeletons in the grounds of large houses was, however, much less common. Of those that were, Heythrop's was almost certainly the last complete one in position and its loss is to be regretted.

Yours faithfully,
NICHOLAS REDMAN,
Moorcove, Hindhead Road,
Haslemere, Surrey.
September 8.

Travelling expensively

From Mr Andrew Sullivan

Sir, I was delighted to hear what a smooth journey Lord Tugendhat enjoyed through France on the autoroute network recently (letter, September 7).

In May of this year I, too, was obliged to drive to the far end of France and, since I had the deadline of a wedding ceremony to meet, I also revelled in the efficiency of the autoroutes.

However, when I arrived at my destination, a quick totting-up of my toll charges showed that my trip had cost me well in excess of £100 before I took into consideration fuel, food or accommodation.

Yours sincerely,
M. ANDREW SULLIVAN,
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Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey.

Squall in a teacup

From the Reverend Dr John Hunter

Sir, For many years my first task on getting up at 6.30am was to go downstairs and make a pot of tea. Having given my wife a cup I then went back to bed for half an hour to drink my tea and listen to *Today*.

Last Christmas my mother-in-law gave us a Teasmade: a splendid acquisition. It wakes me up but doesn't get me up and, since it is placed on my wife's side of the bed, she now serves me with a cup of tea.

Can someone please explain what is "naff" about this, and why journalists should make fun of Norma Major for having one (report, September 4)?

Yours truly,
JOHN HUNTER,
Jacaranda,
The Street, Frampton on Severn.

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 12: The Duke of York, Trustee, this morning attended a meeting of the Trustees of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, London SE10.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 12: The Princess Royal this morning attended the University of Bath's International Colloquium on Sport and Higher Education into the Twenty First Century at the Guildhall, Bath, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset (Sir John Wills, Bt).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, Institute of Logistics, this evening presented the National Awards at the 1996 Annual Awards Ceremony and attended a Dinner at the Royal Lancaster Hotel, Lancaster Terrace, London W2.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
September 12: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this afternoon visited County Durham and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of County Durham (Mr David Grant).

Her Royal Highness opened the Victoria Conference Suite at Auckland Castle, Bishop Auckland, and subsequently visited Durham Castle.

Dinners

Institute of Logistics
The Princess Royal, Patron of the Institute of Logistics, was a speaker and presented the annual awards at a dinner held last night at the Royal Lancaster Hotel.

Mr David A. Quarmby, president, welcomed the guests. Dr Ian C. Canadine, director-general, and Mr Mike Burbage, chairman, also spoke. The premier award, Logistics Company of the Year, went to United Transport (UK).

Association of Papal Orders in Great Britain
The Duke of Norfolk, KG, presided at a dinner held last night at the Café Royal for members and guests of the Association of Papal Orders in Great Britain of Pius IX, St Gregory the Great and St Sylvester.

Cardinal Basil Hume was the guest of honour. The High Commissioner for India and the Ambassador for the Republic of Ireland were among the guests.

Navy Board
Admiral Sir Jock Slater, First Sea Lord, presided at a Navy Board dinner held last night at Admiralty House to mark the retirement from the board of Sir Moray Stewart and Vice-Admiral Sir Robert Walmsley.

The Anchorites
Rear-Admiral Patrick Rowe, Deputy Master of Trinity House, was the principal guest at a dinner of The Anchorites held last night at the Café Royal. Captain J. Hall presided.

Appointments

Mr Victor Benjamin and Mr Ian Dahl have been appointed Trustees of the National Maritime Museum, Greenwich.

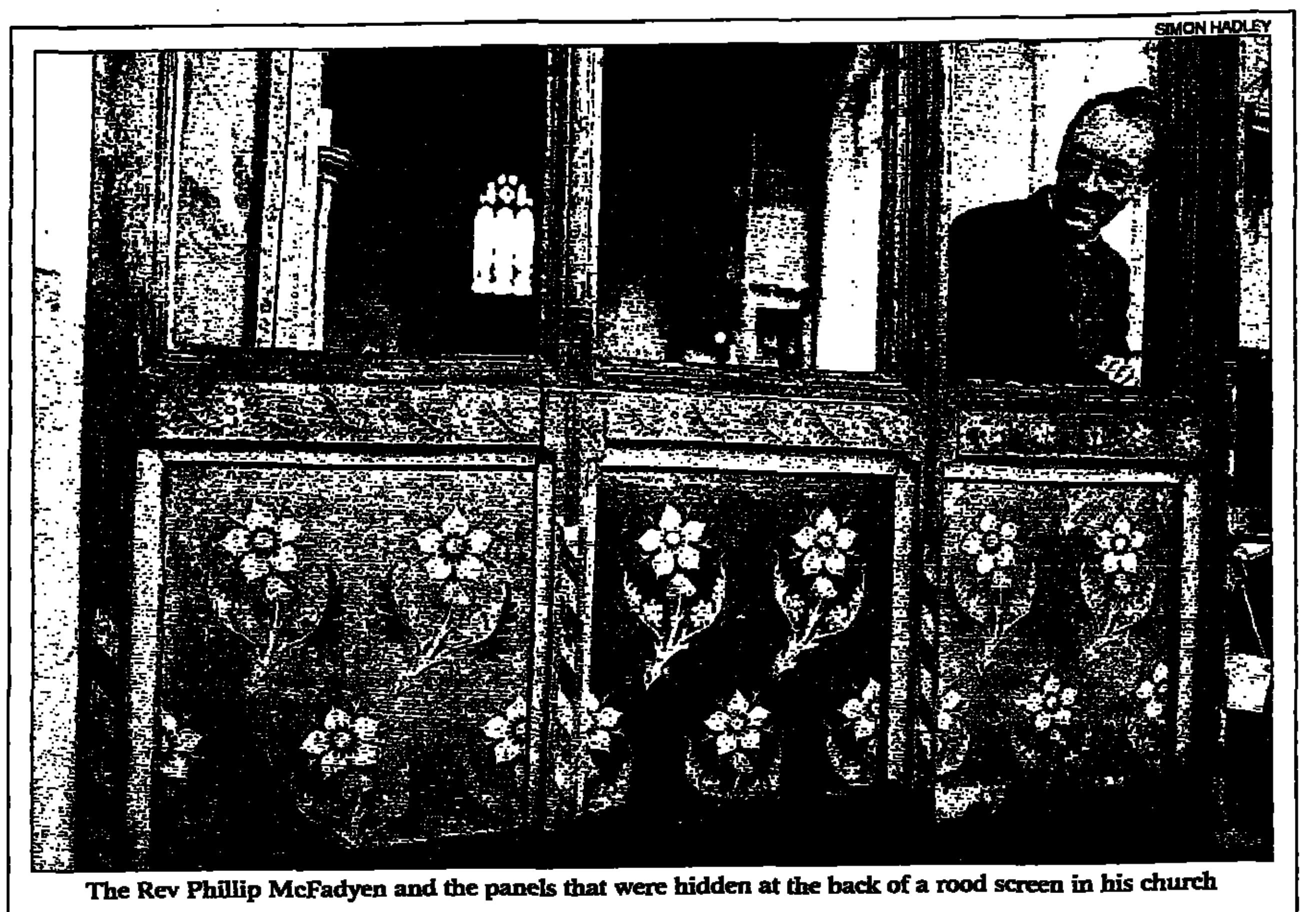
Sir David Puttnam has been appointed a Trustee of the Science Museum.

University news

Reading
The following new research grants and contracts have been accepted by the members of the departments named:

From the Research Councils:
Professor P D S Caligari (Agricultural Botany), £107,500 from the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council - advanced Research Fellowship award.
Professor P D S Caligari (Agricultural Botany), £124,988 from the BBSRC - development and exploitation of a novel high efficiency transformation technique for UK crop species.
Dr G Cook and Mr K Bright (Construction Management and Engineering), £164,188 from the Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council - to investigate "Lighting for the visually impaired in a non-uniformly lit office environment."
Professor B J Hoskins, Dr P J Valdes and Dr M Blackburn (Meteorology), £65,907 from the Natural Environment Research Council - development and use of an intermediate GCM.
Dr A Parker and Professor B W Sellwood (Meteorology), £103,190 from the NERC - anatomy of a source-rock: environmental, climatic and stratigraphic signatures in the type kimmeridge clay.

From other bodies:
Professor R Burch (Chemistry), £39,895 from Air Products and Chemical Inc - selective hydrogenation of unsaturated nitriles.
Professor D E Beever (CEDAR, Agriculture), £21,480 from Ajinomoto Co Inc - to examine the effect of supplementary enzymes to the diet on the utilisation of nutrients by lactating dairy cows.
Dr M J Wilkinson (Agricultural Botany), Dr A Culham (Botany) and Dr P Hadley (Horticulture and Landscape), £23,491 from the Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate Confectionery Alliance - genetic finger printing of cocoa and germplasm.
Dr P Hadley (Horticultural and Landscape), £37,754 from the Biscuit, Cake, Chocolate Confectionary Alliance - International cocoa germplasm database.
Dr S F Walker (Typography and Graphic Communication), £34,006 from the British Library - children's use and understanding of CD-ROM.
Dr N Ravenscroft (Land Management and Development - Centre for Environment and Land Tenure Studies), £18,847 from the Countryside Commission - evaluation of the Commission's Milestones Initiative
Dr S Williams (Computer Science), £25,096 from Daphne Jackson Memorial Fellowship Trust - Fellowship award
Dr R Davies and Mr J G Brennan (Food Science and Technology), £152,960 from the Department of Trade and Industry and EA Technology - teaching company scheme DTI/EA Technology
Professor C W Nobes (Economics), £37,812 from the European Commission - accounting information in Europe between harmonisation processes and idiosyncratic economic contexts: the case of Italy and the UK
Professor P Mosley (Economics), £77,000 from the Gatsby Charitable Foundation - research on obstacles to the diffusion of the green revolution in Africa
Dr R J Esslemont (Agriculture), £148,031 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food - an investigation of the incidence, treatment strategies and financial implications of mastitis in organic and conventionally managed UK dairy herds.
Dr S P Carruthers (Agriculture), £53,498 from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food - extension to organic herbage legume intercropping.
Mr G Dugdale (Meteorology), £62,300 from the National Engineering Services Pakistan - floor protection project, Pakistan
Dr E Owen (Agriculture), £147,030 from the Natural Resources Institute - husbandry strategies for improving sustainable utilisation of forages to increase profitable milk production from cows and goats on smallholder farms in Tanzania.
Professor R J Summerfield (Agriculture), £14,367 from the Overseas Development Administration - drought in rice.
Professor P Mosley (Economics), £69,319 from the Overseas Development Administration - study of the impact of overseas aid on the private sector of developing and transitional economics.
Professor P Lowry (School of Animal and Microbial Sciences), £56,371 from the Wellcome Trust - Wellcome Prize Fellowships.



SIMON HADLEY

The Rev Phillip McFadyen and the panels that were hidden at the back of a rood screen in his church

Church secret revealed after 460 years

By John Shaw

MEDIEVAL artwork in striking colours, unseen for 460 years, has been discovered at the back of a rood screen at St Helen's Church, Ranworth, Norfolk.

Three panels showing the white rose of York against rust and green-coloured backgrounds were found on the back of the rood screen when six miserie stalls attached to it were removed for repairs. The stalls were taken to the church by monks from St Benet's Abbey, Norfolk escaping from Henry VIII's soldiers during the Dissolution of the Monasteries.

The stalls were attached to the back of the screen which saved the paintings for future generations. The Rev Phillip McFadyen, vicar of Ranworth, said the panels were known about because there was an inspection panel in one of the stalls. But they were not expected to be in such good condition. The fact they were covered up for so long has helped to preserve the original colours intact. He said it was an exciting find.

The 15th-century rood screen is among the best preserved in the country and has paintings of the saints on the other side. They were partially defaced but were professionally restored in the 1960s.

Ranworth Church and its artistic treasures were featured in Andrew Graham-Dixon's BBC Television series on the history of British art.

They include a 15th-century antiphonary, a music book for singing the offices of the Church, which includes a series of 20 illuminated pages. The book was rediscovered and bought back by the church at a sale in London in 1910.

James Deveson, a young music student who is a member of the congregation, has discovered that one of the pages, for Easter Day, has been ripped out probably before the 1910 sale.

Mr McFadyen said: "We would love to have this back again and I would appeal to anyone who might have it or who might know where it is to return it to the church."

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward, as Patron of the Scottish Badminton Union, will *attend the Friends Provident* Grand Slam Tournament at the Bell's Sports Centre, Perth, at 4.30.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, will visit the Stoke Mandeville Burns and Reconstructive Surgery Research Trust, Stoke Mandeville Hospital, Aylesbury, at noon.

Birthdays today

The Marquess of Ailsa, 40; Miss Carol Barnes, broadcaster, 52; Miss Jacqueline Bisset, actress, 52; Lieutenant-General Sir Derek Boorman, 66; Sir John Coulson, diplomat, 87; Sir George Engle, QC, former First Parliamentary Counsel, 70; Baroness Fisher of Rednal, 77; Lord Flowers, 72; Mr George Foggon, former Foreign Office adviser, 83; Professor Sir John Gunn, natural philosopher, 80; the Duke of Hamilton, 58; Mr Goran Ivanisevic, tennis player, 25.

The Hon Colin Moynihan, former MP, 41; the Right Rev George Noakes, former Archbishop of Wales, 72; Mr Tony Pickard, tennis coach, 62; *Mr Colin Pickthall, MP*, 52; Sir Thomas Risk, former Governor, Bank of Scotland, 74; Mr Robert Sheldon, MP, 73; Mr George Staple, Director, Serious Fraud Office, 56; Mr James Stuart-Smith, QC, former Judge Advocate General, 77; Professor Sir Keith Sykes, anaesthetist, 71; Mr Keith Thompson, former Vice-Chancellor, Staffordshire University, 64; Mr Mel Tormé, singer, 71; Mr Shane Warne, cricketer, 27; Lord Weidenfeld, 77.

University news

Glasgow
Dr F.J. Trevor Burke has been appointed to the Chair of Dental Primary Care at the University of Glasgow. Professor Burke was formerly a Senior Lecturer in Dental Practice at the University of Manchester.

Forthcoming marriages

Dr the Hon H.J.J. Drummond and Miss Z.D.V. Rankin
The engagement is announced between Humphrey John Jardine, son of Captain Humphrey Drummond of Megginch and the Lady Strange, and Zara Daisy Viviana, only daughter of Sir Ian Rankin, Bt, of Bryngwyn, and Mrs George Asseily, of London and Beirut.

Mr M.J. Patterson and Miss C.P. Mulherron
The engagement is announced between Michael James, elder son of Mr and Mrs James Sterling Patterson, of Glenallen House, Bangor, County Down, and Catriona Patricia, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Frederick Alexander Mulherron, of Edinburgh.

Mr W.H. Rowsell and Miss E.J. Rowe
The engagement is announced between William, only son of Mr and Mrs John Rowsell, of Antrabus, Cheshire, and Eleanor, middle daughter of Mr Michael Rowe, of Winchester, and of Mrs Richard Denny, of Marlborough, Wiltshire.

Mr R.D.H. Turner and Miss E.M. Scott
The engagement is announced between Robert, elder son of Mr David Turner, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and of the late Mrs David Turner, and Emily, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Patrick Scott, of Bloomfield Terrace, London.

Marriages

Mr J.R. Aubanel and Miss K. Johnstone
The marriage took place on September 12, at the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Ewell, between Mr Julian Robert Aubanel, son of the late Mr John Edward Aubanel and of Mrs Eileen Aubanel, and Miss Kim Johnstone, daughter of the late Mr William Edward Johnstone and of Mrs Margaret Johnstone, of Wollongong, NSW, Australia.

Mr J.D. MacDougall and Miss F.E. Turnbull
The marriage took place on August 17, 1996, at the Church of Holy Trinity, Startforth, Co Durham, between James, son of Mrs O.M. MacDougall, of Crowthorne, Berkshire, and Colonel G. MacDougall, and Fiona, daughter of Mr and Mrs G.A. Turnbull, of Barnard Castle.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and was attended by her sister, Miss Morag Turnbull. Mr Jon Gowar was best man.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley, statesman, Bourne, Lincolnshire, 1520; Clara Schumann, pianist and composer, Leipzig, 1819; J.J. Pershing, C-in-C American Forces in the First World War, Laclede, Missouri, 1860; Arnold Schoenberg, composer, Vienna, 1874; J.B. Priestley, novelist and dramatist, Bradford, 1894; John Smith, leader of the Labour Party 1992-94, Ardrishaig, Argyll, 1938.

DEATHS: James Wolfe, general, killed in the taking of Quebec, 1759; Charles James Fox, statesman, London, 1806; Charles Nicolas Oudinat, Duke of Reggio, Marshal of France, Paris, 1847; Ludwig Feuerbach, philosopher, Rechenberg, Germany, 1872; Alexis Chabrier, composer, Paris, 1894; William Heath Robinson, cartoonist, London, 1944; August Krogh, physiologist, Nobel laureate 1920, Copenhagen, 1949; Leopold Stokowski, conductor, Nether Wallop, Hampshire, 1977.

John Bunyan was released from Bedford jail after 12 years' imprisonment, 1672.

New York became the federal capital of America, 1788.

The Knickerbocker Club, the first baseball club, was founded, New York, 1845.

Latest wills

Vivian John Herman Ellis. **Vivian Ellis**, the composer and author, *president of the Performing Right* Society *since* 1983, left estate valued at £1,473,723 net. He was the composer of many popular songs including *Spread a Little Happiness, Other People's Babies, and I'm on a See-Saw*, and the author of *Top and Tails*, the biography of Jack Buchanan, and his autobiography *Ellis in Wonderland*.

He left his painting by Nöel Coward to the Garrick Club; the remainder of his chattels to the National Trust to be displayed at Dunster Castle; £10,000 to the Performing Right Society for the Vivian Ellis Prize; £20,000 to King Edward VII's Hospital for Officers; ££5,000 to the Marie Curie Memorial Foundation; and royalties and other performance income to the Garrick Club.

Gwyneth, Duchess of Portland, of London, left estate valued at £642,093 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

Lady Marshall of Leeds, of Holtby, York, left estate valued at £730,618 net.

Lady Follett, of Barnes, southwest London, left estate valued at £675,956 net. She left her estate to the Cats Protection League.

Sir James Runcieman **Sutherland**, of Farmoor, Oxfordshire, left estate valued at £838,944 net.

He left £3,000 to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and £2,000 to Age Concern.

David Band, of London W14, left estate valued at £558,595 net.

Denise Marie **Fitzpatrick**, of London W14, left estate valued at £1,488,047 net.

John Benjamin **Davies**, of Aberdare, Rhondda Cyon Taff, left estate valued at £1,117,104 net.

Brian Rowland **Powell**, of Llangefni, Anglesey, left estate valued at £1,204,083 net.

Oswald Francis **Charleton**, of Cross in Hand, East Sussex, left estate valued at £1,086,837 net.

Frederick James **Allen**, of Beckenham, Kent, left estate valued at £1,309,064. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

Simon Thring **Stephens**, of London W2, left estate valued at £1,497,867 net. He left his estate mostly to relatives.

School news

Howell's School
Denbigh, North Wales
Term began on September 1 following excellent results at both A level and GCSE. The Prime Warden is Laura O'Marah and her Deputy is Rebecca Clark. The Senior Day Girl is Rebecca McEvoy and Head of Sixth Form House is Laura Davis. Samantha Wright, Fiona Sly and Letitia Fung joined the senior school this term as Drapers' Scholars. The Open Day for both the senior school and preparatory is on Saturday, November 9, 1996, and the entrance examinations take place on January 22 to 24, 1997. The Autumn Term ends on Friday, December 13, with a Carol Service in the School Chapel. Speech Day and the Annual Visitation by the Drapers' Company will take place on July 5, 1997. Any Old Howellians wishing to renew contact with the School are invited to contact the Headmistress.
Howell's School exists to promote education for girls.

Merchant Taylors' Schools, Crosby
Merchant Taylors' Schools in Crosby started the new term on September 12, with a combined school roll of 1,775. The Emrys Jones Lecture will be given by the Right Rev Lord Runcie on October *14; the Boys' School Speech Day*, with guest speaker R.D.V. Knight, MA, Secretary MCC, will be held on November 11 and the Girls' School Speech Day, with guest speaker Professor Janet Finch, Vice-Chancellor, Keele University, will be held on November 21. Term ends on December 19.

Orley Farm School
The beginning of term on Thursday, September 5, marked the conclusion of a major building development which has taken place over the last twelve months. A quadrangle development incorporates extension and renovation of Dining-Hall and kitchens, new Lower School classrooms, IT room and facilities for girls as they move into Year 3. This and the all-weather pitch have been added to the new Pre-Prep building which was opened on May 14 by Mr Nicholas Bomford, Headmaster of Harrow School. Sir Rodney Walker, Chairman of the Sports Council, will officiate at the opening of the pitch and new buildings on Thursday, October 24. The annual soccer match will precede the Old Boys' lunch on Sunday, January 12, 1997. Details of this and proposed Decade Dinners will be included in the magazine.

Wentworth College, Bournemouth
Our 125th anniversary year began on September 4. Elizabeth Birch is Head Girl, Meg Collins, Deputy Head Girl and Melissa Holmes, Head of Boarders. Speech Day is Friday, September 20, and Open Day, Tuesday, October 22. The WMMOGA reunion will take place in London on Saturday, November 2, and the Miltonian Guild meets in Crawley on Saturday, October 19. A diary giving full details of all 125th anniversary events may be obtained from the school office.

Whitgift School
Michaelmas Term began on September 4 and ends on December 13. Ian Hunter is the Captain of School. *Open Morning for* prospective parents is on Saturday, October 12, from 10.00am to 2.30pm. The London Mozart Players become Whitgift School Associate Musicians this year and are performing in Big School on September 29. *An Evening with Lady Antonia Fraser* is on October 3 at 7.00pm. The Royal Photographic Society's exhibition *Sporting Eye* will be on display in the school Gallery October 14-18. *HMS Pinafore* will be performed on December 5-7. Full details of Arts Events and tickets are available from the School Office, 0181 688 9222.
Whitgift School is a registered charity and exists for the education of pupils.

Church news

Appointments
The Rev Richard Arding, Assistant Curate, Bromley Common St Augustine: to be Vicar, Wilmington St Michael (Rochester).
The Rev Owain Bell, Rector, Oldswinford: to be *also* Honorary Canon of Worcester Cathedral (Worcester).
The Rev Paul Burkitt, Priest-in-charge, Newington w Dairycoates: to be Priest-in-charge, Kingston upon Hull St Mary (York).
The Rev Ian Chandler, Assistant Curate, Hove: to be Bishop's Domestic Chaplain (Chichester).
The Rev Nigel Coates, Chaplain, Southampton University: to be Priest-in-charge, Freemantle Christ Church (Winchester).
The Rev David Cook, Vicar, Holme-on-Spalding Moor: to be *also* Rural Dean of South Wold (York).
The Rev John Cotton, Team Rector, Bexhill St Peter and Rural Dean Battle and Bexhill: to be *also* Canon and Prebendary of Chichester Cathedral (Chichester).
The Rev Dr Stephen Croft, Vicar, Ovenden and Diocesan Mission Consultant: to be Warden of Cranmer Hall and licensed to officiate (Durham).
The Rev Simon Everson, Vicar, Kennington Park St Agnes (Southwark): to be Chaplain, Hurstpierpoint School (Chichester).
The Rev Petro Hryziuk, Assistant Curate, Goose Green: to be Assistant Curate, Wavertree Holy Trinity *(Liverpool)*.
The Rev Donald Johnson, Vicar, Funtington and Sennicotts, and Rector, West Stoke: to be also Canon and Prebendary of Chichester Cathedral (Chichester).
The Rev John Lintern, Assistant Curate, Preston on Tees: to be Priest-in-charge, West Pelton St Paul, and Assistant Diocesan Youth Adviser (Durham).
The Rev Dr Dennis Lloyd, Chaplain, University of East Anglia (Norwich): to be Priest-in-charge, Malvern St Andrew (Worcester).
The Rev John Mason, Rector, Willersey, Saintbury, Weston-sub-Edge and Aston-sub-Edge (Gloucester): to be Priest-in-charge, Selling w Throwley and Sheldwich w Badlesmere and Leaveland, and Diocesan Rural Officer (Canterbury).
The Rev John Masshedar, Vicar, Shotton: to be also Priest-in-charge, Wheatley Hill (Durham).
The Rev Stephen Masters, Bishop's Domestic Chaplain (Chichester): to be Vicar, Brighton St Michael and All Angels, same diocese.
The Rev Fritha Middlemiss, NSM, Stoulton w Drake's Broughton and Pirton and Norton: to be part-time Chaplain, Malvern Girls' College (Worcester).
The Rev Mark Redhouse, Assistant Curate, Fulham St Mary North End (London): to be Assistant Curate, Hove, Bishop Hannington Memorial Church, in charge of Holy Cross (Chichester).
The Rev David Rogers, Priest-in-charge, Kingston upon Hull St Mary, and Chaplain, North Humberside Industrial Mission: *to be Industrial Chaplain (York)*.
The Rev Sheila Stevenson (nee Pite), Permission to officiate: to be Priest-in-charge, The Stodden Churches (St Albans).
The Rev Sue Whitehouse, Curate, Bedale and Curate, Thornton Watlass w Thornton Steward: to be Vicar, Aysgarth and Bolton cum Redmire (Ripon).
Prebendary John Widdas, Vicar, *Tamworth: to be Vicar, Walsall* Wood (Lichfield).
The Rev Erik Wilson, Vicar, Hull St Martin w Transfiguration: to be also Area Dean of West Hull (York).

Resignations and retirements
The Rev David Mellor, Vicar, St Luke's, Derby (Derby): resigned August 31.
The Rev Geoffrey Blackwell, NSM Priest-in-charge, Burpham (Chichester): retired August 16.
The Rev John Boocock, Priest-in-charge, Denton and Ingleton, and Acting Rural Dean of Darlington (Durham): to resign September 30.
The Rev Canon Anthony Clayton, Rector, High Framland Parishes (Leicester): to retire December 31.
The Rev Dennis Cornish, Rector, Lurgashall, Lodsworth and Selham (Chichester): to retire October 31.
The Rev Matthew Forrester, Chaplain, Duke of York's Royal Military School, Dover (Canterbury): to retire August 31, with permission to officiate, same diocese.
The Rev Anthony Harbottle, Rector, East Dean w Friston and Jevington (Chichester): retired September 5.
Canon John Hester, Canon Residentiary and Precentor, Chichester Cathedral (Chichester): to retire November 30.

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Be rooted in Christ, be built in him, grow strong in the faith as you were taught: let your hearts overflow with thankfulness.
Colossians 2 : 7 (REB)

BIRTHS

BARROWS - On September 7th 1996, to Carolyn (née Vickers) and Charles, a daughter, Catherine Marie.

CAVE - On September 10th, to Frances (née Hicks) and Nicholas, a daughter, Louisa Elizabeth, a sister for Frederick and Harriet.

CURZON - On 27th August, to Julie and Neill, a son, Nathaniel Stewart.

GREENHILL - Zachary Clark at The Portland Hospital on 7th September to Paul and Phyllis. Brother for Sam. Grandparents: Greenhill - Cath; Travell-Clark (USA).

MÜNDEL - On 30th August 1996 in Jersey, Channel Islands, to Sophie (née Payne) and Martin, a son, Oliver, a brother for Hannah.

SHAW - On 10th September, to Melanie (née Shaw) and Simon, a daughter, Rosanna Elizabeth Lucy, a sister for Charlie.

WALKER - On September 9th at The Portland Hospital, to Mary and Joseph, a beautiful son, Michael. Welcome to the world!

WATSON-WEST - On September 9th, to Sally and Adrian, a daughter, Felicity Rose, a sister for William and Fergus.

BIRTHS

WILLIAMS - On 9th September, to Helen (née Seddon) and Richard, a son, James Duncan Richard, a brother for Alasdair.

WITTENOOM - On September 10th at The Portland Hospital, to Sally (née Kelso) and Charlie, a son, Benjamin Thomas.

DEATHS

ARMITAGE - Robert Frow (Bob) passed away peacefully after a long illness on September 11th, 1996 aged 82 in Canford Cliffs. Much loved husband of Vera and father of Richard and Yvonne and grandfather of William, Thomas and Virginia, James and Joanna. The funeral service will take place at *Poole Crematorium*, Gravel Hill, Broadstone, Poole on Tuesday, September 17th, at 12.30pm. Enquiries to Tapper Funeral Service, Poole (01202) 673164.

CHAPLIN - Lucille (née Sombardier). Suddenly at King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst, on September 8th, dearly loved mother of Jennifer. Service at Chichester Crematorium on Tuesday 17th September at 2pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired to King Edward VII Hospital, Midhurst c/o L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst, West Sussex GU29 9DG.

DEATHS

CLIFFORD - On September 3rd, William Henry Morton, aged 87. Loving husband of the late Katharine, father of Wendy, Paddy and Bill and loving grandfather. Funeral Service at St Pauls Church, Rusthall on Thursday September 19th at 1.45 pm followed by cremation. Flowers or donations to British Diabetic Association may be sent c/o *E.R. Hickmott & Son, 41 Grove* Hill Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1SD.

HUSTON - Cecil, Squadron Leader R.A.F. (retired) aged 93 years suddenly at home on September 8th 1996. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Thursday September 19th at 2.30 pm. *Family flowers only*. Donations to British Heart Foundation c/o Ashton Mathias Funeral Services, 221 Upper Richmond Road, Putney, London SW15 6SQ.

GREGORY - Bruce David LL.B, *of Lincoln and formerly of* New Malden, Surrey. Died suddenly in Paris on 6th September aged 48 years. Much loved husband of Pat and father of Paul, Stephen and Andy. Funeral in Lincoln at 12 noon on Tuesday 17th September.

DEATHS

HOULKER - Joan Wolfenden Houlker, peacefully on September 12th, at Macclesfield District General Hospital. Beloved wife of Reginald and much loved mother of Anne and Roger. Funeral service at Macclesfield Crematorium, on Tuesday, 17th September, at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations if desired for Dr. Barnardo's, to J.W. *Brocklehurst & Sons Ltd*, 17 Macclesfield Road, Prestbury, Cheshire SK10 4BW. Tel: (01625) 829232.

KOVACS - Joyce. Died on September 6th 1996. Funeral to be held at Farm Street Church, Mayfair on Thursday September 19th at 2 pm. Flowers may be sent to R.V. Mallett, 124 Lime Walk, Headington, Oxford OX4 7AF.

McBURNIE - Roger John aged 34, on Wednesday 11th September peacefully at home after a long illness fought with great courage. Funeral at St Nicholas Church, Barton-le-Clay, Bedfordshire, on Tuesday 17th September at 2.30 pm. He will be missed terribly by family, who extend a welcome to any friends not contacted. Family flowers only but donations welcome for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund c/o Neville Funeral Services, Marsh Road, Leton, (01582) 574902.

DEATHS

MIDDLETON - On September 9th peacefully at Woodcote Park, Coulsdon, Surrey. Norna Mary Tesslmond (Tessa) aged 88, devoted widow of Commander John Middleton, Royal Navy, greatly loved mother of Patrick and Meonetta, grandmother of Toby, Isobel, Nicholas and Peter, and mother-in-law of Jane and Richard. Private family *cremation. A thanksgiving* service will be held at Woodcote House at 2.30 pm on Friday September 20th. Family flowers only please but donations if desired for The Fifth Trust may be sent c/o W.A. Truslove & Son Ltd, 118, Carshalton Road, Sutton, Surrey, SM1 4RL.

PENNOCK - On August 31st in a traffic accident on Gran Canaria, Brian Charles of Jesmond, Newcastle upon Tyne, *dearly beloved elder* son of (Charles) Frederick and Norah and dear brother of Geoffrey. Service on Monday 16th September at 12 noon at St George's Church, Jesmond, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only. Donations if desired to St George's Fund for Preservation of Victorian Stained Glass Windows, Parish Office, St George's Close, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE2 2TF.

SHAW - Charles Frederick Ralph peacefully on 10th September 1996. Much loved and sadly missed by wife Lilian, Maria, Nick and grandson Oliver.

DEATHS

SKENE - Elizabeth Diana Wolfe. Younger daughter of Sir George and Lady Sutherland and mother of Danus. With dignity at home in Methven, Perthshire on 11th September, 1996. Cremation private. A memorial service will be held at 3 pm on Monday, 23rd September, 1996 in St Andrew's & St George's Kirk, George Street, Edinburgh.

STEVENSON - Joan (Jane) Olive, previously of Priory Mansions, Drayton Gardens, at Meadbank Nursing Home, SW11, on 5th September aged 84 years. Much loved sister of the Rt. Hon. Sir Melford Stevenson. Family funeral. Memorial Service at St Mary's, The Boltons, at a later date.

STRATTON - Kathleen, formerly of Queen Anne's Grove, Bedford Park, London. Died peacefully at Woodbridge, Suffolk, on September 10th. Funeral Service at St Mary's Church, Woodbridge, at 2.30 pm on Friday September 20th. Family flowers only please, but donations may be made to the League of Friends (c/o Karen St Aimee), Royal Marsden Hospital, 203 Fulham Road, London SW3 6JJ.

DEATHS

VINES - Ralf peacefully on September 10th 1996, beloved husband of the late Joan, treasured by his family, friend to so many. Service at St Mary's Church, Moseley, Birmingham, Wednesday September 18th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if wished to Warren Pearl Marie Curie Hospice, 911 Warwick Road, Solihull, West Midlands B91 3ER.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BEVERIDGE - A Memorial Service for the late Mrs Patricia Beveridge will take place at St James Church, Piccadilly on Tuesday 1st October 1996 at 11.30 am.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES

MAR AND KELLIE - A Service of Thanksgiving for Pansy (Dowager Countess of Mar and Kellie) will be held on Saturday 28th September 1996 at 3.30 pm at St Mungo's Parish Church, Alloa.

ROBINSON - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of T. Lloyd Robinson will be held at 11 am on Thursday 3rd October 1996 at St Mary Redcliffe Church in Bristol.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

CROKE - Peter died September 13th 1986. Pax Tecum, Audrey.

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OBITUARIES

MAJOR-GENERAL JAMES MAJURY

Major-General James Majury, CB, MBE, GOC West Midland District, 1970-73, died on September 4 aged 75. He was born on June 26, 1921.

In a war no one wanted — the Korean War, which exploded all too soon over the battle-weary Allies of 1939-45 — James Majury became a byword both in combat, and as an inspiring figure in the appalling conditions inflicted on the PoWs of that internecine conflict. As a captain in the 1st Battalion Royal Ulster Rifles, he was in charge of the mortar batteries in some of the most desperate fighting against overwhelming numbers of Chinese infantry.

When the Chinese attacked in close order at Chunghung Dong in the bitter-cold dawn of January 3, 1951, they were exposed to the legendary musketry of the RUR, and mortar fire that ploughed huge gaps in their ranks. Only a cruel accident, of the "friendly fire" type which is incidental to war in any age, delivered Majury's battalion into the hands of the enemy.

Ordered to withdraw by the Americans (against its wishes and against all tactical sense) from the position it had held without effort, Majury's battalion was illuminated for the surrounding Chinese by flares unaccountably dropped from a USAF aircraft. Tanks, trucks and armoured personnel carriers slithering through treacherous snow in pitch darkness found themselves exposed to blistering machinegun and mortar fire from the neighbouring heights.

The slaughter was fearful. Crouching in shallow ditches at the side of the road, the infantry were cut down by machinegun fire and decimated by shrapnel. When the Chinese poured down off their heights to administer the *coup de grâce* they were met nevertheless by an obdurate defence as the trapped Ulsters fought back grimly and took a grisly toll in their turn. There were many acts of astonishing courage on that night. Some escaped from the mayhem. One corporal spent 24 hours buried under a pile of scores of Chinese dead before he was able to extricate himself and steal back to battalion lines.

But for Majury and his company there was no such escape. Caught between burnt-out and broken-down armoured fighting vehicles before, and masses of Chinese behind, they were eventually surrounded and overwhelmed, having suffered grievous losses. They had fought to the bitter end, urged on to the last by Majury, whose repeated command to his riflemen above the tumult of battle was: "Let them have it!"

For the survivors, some of the grimmest conditions known to prisoners of war in modern times awaited them. Ill-treatment of PoWs exceeding, perhaps, even that meted out by the Japanese to their captives on the notorious Burma Railway was their lot. Not content with starving and physically brutalising their prisoners, the Chinese attempted to divest them of every shred of their dignity. To random beatings, torture of every type and the effects of wasting diseases such as beriberi, were added psychological torture and the systematic humiliation of the chaplains who were captured with the regiment.

A small thing in the life of the average soldier in normal times, the consolation of religion assumes a greater importance when all other decencies have been stripped away. Their Chinese captors did everything they could to prevent any practice of religious belief and any form of pastoral care. Bibles and hymnbooks were confiscated. Priests were jeered at and physically mocked in a campaign to convert all the British captives to communism.

In this situation Majury was a tower of strength. In the absence of an Ulsters' priest in the prison compound, he took over the duties of Protestant chaplain. Although suffering from tuberculosis he went about his men administering pastoral care and keeping their spirits up. A book of prayers, clandestinely created by two officers from the "Glorious Glosters", captured at the same time, was soon in use, written out on the rice paper the Chinese allowed their prisoners for the purpose of rolling cigarettes.

Majury was one of the leading spirits behind the book for which he composed a prayer himself, scrawled on a scrap of rice paper. When the Glosters' chaplain, Padre Davies, was taken away by the Japanese, Majury conducted all the religious services in the camp. For almost three long years of captivity, which ended only with the Armistice of 1953, such activities sustained the British PoWs under a form of incarceration that was designed totally to destroy their cultural identity. Majury and his men were eventually released in August 1953.

James Herbert Samuel Majury was an Ulsterman: he was educated at the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, and Trinity College, Dublin. In 1940 he joined the Royal Ulster Rifles, but in 1941 he volunteered to serve with the Indian Army, then in the throes of wartime expansion. He joined the 4/15th Punjab Regiment in 1942, but was seconded in the following year to the South Waziristan Scouts. He spent the rest of the war on the North West Frontier of India.

Life with the Frontier Scouts was a hard school. The troops were all Pathans from the mountains who expected their British officers to be as tough as they were themselves. It was a lonely life in a harsh environment with few amenities, but Majury loved it, loved the fierce natures of the men he commanded and the savage beauty of their land.

Shortly after India and Pakistan became independent in 1947, when Majury was commanding a wing of the South Waziristan Scouts, he had to protect Sikh and Gurkha troops who were being withdrawn from their frontier garrison to be returned to India. Neither Sikhs nor Gurkhas were much liked by the Pathan tribesmen and the convoy was ambushed in the notorious Shahur Tangi pass by Mahsud tribesmen who inflicted heavy casualties. It would have been worse but for the fortuitous arrival on the scene of Majury and his Scouts.

Majury rejoined the British Army in the Royal Ulster Rifles on his return from Pakistan in 1947. In August 1950 he accompanied his battalion to Korea as part of the 29th Infantry Brigade. The passage of the RUR to Korea in the troopship *Empire Pride* provided a humorous preface to the grim fare that was to succeed it. In between weapon and physical training it fell to Majury to lecture to the soldiers on the evils of the communism they were going out to fight, a complex and somewhat theoretical subject in which the veteran Second World War NCOs were supremely uninterested. When Majury asked "Any questions?" during his first lecture he received the response "Yes, may we smoke please, sorr?" from an Irish rifleman.

And when a bright young national serviceman inquired of Captain Majury: "Sir, what do you think about dialectical materialism?" a fiery old battalion sergeant-major, coming to the rescue of his officer, crushed the inquiry: "Diabolical materialism! What the hell next? . . . Fall out for weapon training!"

Of his subsequent captivity in Korea, Majury was later to say drily that it was "an experience that I would not want to repeat, but it probably did not do me much permanent harm". It had certainly not affected his zest for adventure since in 1957 he joined The Parachute Regiment for four years.

In 1961 he was given command of the Royal Irish Fusiliers and from 1965 to 1967 commanded the 2nd Infantry Brigade. His final command was of the West Midland District.

Majury was Colonel Commandant of the King's Division, 1971-75; Colonel of the Royal Irish Rangers, 1972-77; and Honorary Colonel of the 2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers from 1975 to 1979.

He was a tall and upstanding officer who possessed many of the characteristics commonly associated with the Irish: a great sense of humour and zest for life, a handsome presence, and a deep and abiding love for the countryside and for country sports. Soon after his retirement, he joined the Greyhound Racing Club of which he became Senior Steward, 1976-88. He was a fiery defender of the sport of coursing; in fact it became hard to think of him without a brace of greyhounds at his side.

He married Jeanetta Ann Le Fleming in 1948 and they had two sons. His family survive him.

MARJORIE MOON

Marjorie Moon, historian of children's literature, died on September 12 aged 88. She was born in Malta on March 10, 1908.

ONLY rarely do the leading auction houses give an accolade to collectors of children's books. The named sale at Christie's last year of the library of Marjorie Moon may be seen as a notable acknowledgement of her status as an authority in her field.

From childhood onwards she had both a love for, and a curiosity about, children's books, which began when an aunt showed her one of the doll-dressing books published in the early 19th century by Messrs Fuller, the proprietors of the Temple of Fancy. Events conspired, however, to prevent her fulfilling her interest until her later years — even though she might have done so through an early connection with *The Times*.

Through her mother, Edith Marjorie Davidson (as she was before her marriage) was descended from John Walter I, the founder of *The Times*, and after her schooldays at Eastbourne she harboured ambitions to join its staff. She worked for the publishers A&C Black, while making persistent applications to Printing House Square; eventually she was taken on to fill a temporary vacancy in the typing pool.

This week of employment expanded to five years, during which time she worked as assistant to Ronald Carton, the editor of Special Numbers and Crosswords. She also became a staff reviewer, dealing chiefly with children's books and books about the countryside.

Although she greatly enjoyed her work, she was seized with an urge to travel, and in 1938 she was given a six-month dispensation to go to Kenya. She became more and more attracted to living there permanently. When war broke out she took a job at Forces HQ and then as a farm secretary, and in 1942 she married Justin Trevor Moon, an agricultural officer in the Colonial Service. They remained in Africa, first in Kenya, then in Uganda until he retired in 1963, when they returned to England.

During all this time Marjorie Moon had retained her deep interest in the history of children's books. With the opportunities afforded by retirement she began to develop this interest, collecting children's books from the Regency period and doing research into the publishing activities of one of its most energetic publishers, John Harris.

This deepened her knowledge, and in 1976 she published the modestly titled checklist of John Harris's *Books for Youth, 1801-1843*, which proved through its richly detailed annotations a major contribution to the subject and established her as a leading authority on early 19th-century children's books.

After the death of her husband in 1977 she continued her work with a bibliographical study, *The Children's Books of Mary (Belson) Elliott* (1986), and in her 80th year she travelled to Los Angeles and Toronto in pursuit of material for her work on the publisher Benjamin Tabart. This resulted in yet another groundbreaking study, *Benjamin Tabart's Juvenile Library* (1990), which shed much light on a figure as obscure as he was important.

The later stages of her work on this book were made increasingly difficult as Marjorie Moon succumbed to Parkinson's disease. Her wide circle of friends in Winchester, where she lived, and her enthusiasm for collecting helped her to withstand it, and in 1994 she was able to assist with the catalogue of an exhibition of her books that was held at Christ Church, Oxford.

Marjorie Moon was well known among students of children's literature for her generosity in sharing with them her ideas and her hospitality in making available material from her fine collection.

She is survived by a son and a daughter.

JAMES DODDS

James Dodds, CB, former Under-Secretary at the Department of Health and Social Security, died on August 26 aged 83. He was born on February 8, 1913.

JIMMY DODDS belonged to that generation of clever and committed young civil servants who helped to create the National Health Service after the war. His own particular contribution lay in helping to establish the network of Whitley councils to settle issues of pay and conditions in the new system. His creative skills and patience undoubtedly contributed to the relative industrial peace and tight cost control which characterised the early years of the NHS.

Dodds spent his entire career in the same ministry, where the long list of ministers he served reads like a postwar political *Who's Who*. They included Aneurin Bevan, Florence Horsbrugh (with whom he got on particularly well as her private secretary), Iain Macleod and Enoch Powell, Richard Crossman, Anthony Barber and Kenneth Robinson. Yet despite his intellect and reputation, Dodds never climbed quite as high as had been forecast.

James Pickering Dodds was born in Darlington, where his father owned a printing and stationery business. He was an outstanding pupil at the town's Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School. Although he also played rugby for the school, it was as an academic that he shone, winning a scholarship to Jesus College, Cambridge, where, as predicted, he took a First in Modern History.

He then came top throughout the country in the Civil Service entrance examination, before entering the Ministry of Health in 1935. In 1950 he won a Nuffield Home Civil Service Travelling Fellowship, which took him to Australia and New Zealand, to study the health systems there for six months.

In the following year Dodds was promoted to the rank of Under-Secretary, at 38 one of the youngest in Whitehall. Appointed CB in 1954, he seemed set upon a glittering career, destined to become one of Whitehall's senior mandarins. He served as accountant-general, in charge of finance in the Health Department, then as director of establishments and organisation, in effect the ministry's head of personnel. Yet he failed to make it to the dizzier heights of his profession, retiring in 1973 as an Under-Secretary — the rank which he had reached 22 years earlier.

There was no questioning Jimmy Dodds's ability. Those who did so — deceived by his quiet, undemonstrative style — were soon vanquished at the negotiating table, even though he never raised his voice or lost his patience. But as Whitehall grew more competitive, with outsiders being drafted into the Health Ministry, Dodds's unobtrusive air of quiet dignity was not best suited to advance his cause. An instinctively kind, polite man, he shrank from "using his elbows" in the scramble for top jobs.

After leaving the ministry in 1973 at the age of 60, he chaired a number of Civil Service boards before retiring from these, too, ten years later. Thereafter he devoted himself to his extensive library.

Dodds's other favourite pastime was walking — mainly in the Lake District, which he loved and where he was involved in the preservation of Wordsworth country. He had met his wife Ethel through the rambling society in Darlington. When she died, nine years ago, he had a wooden bridge built in her memory across a beck in the Newlands Valley of the Lake District. Two daughters survive him.

MONSIGNOR ADRIANO HYPÓLITO

Monsignor Adriano Hypólito, former Bishop of Nova Iguaçu, Brazil, died on August 10 aged 78. He was born on January 18, 1918.

AS BISHOP of Nova Iguaçu, a down-at-heel dormitory town for the industrial labourers of Rio de Janeiro, Adriano Hypólito was a courageous spokesman for the poor and oppressed. A bold critic of the military dictatorship which dominated Brazil for more than two decades, he dedicated his life to the fight for human rights and social justice.

His belief in the ideals of liberation theology, however, inevitably led him into conflict not only with the hierarchies of conservative Catholicism but also with a fiercely rightwing regime. Embarrassed and threatened by his outspoken criticisms, the military sought to discredit him. He was labelled a "red bishop" and his life was put under threat. But Hypólito was never swayed from his steadfast beliefs.

Adriano Mandarino Hypólito had been committed to his religious ideals from an early age. Born and brought up in Sergipe, a northeastern province of Brazil, he was ordained priest at the age of 22. He served as auxiliary bishop in São Salvador de Bahia and attended the Vatican II Council as a conciliar father before, in 1966, he was appointed Bishop of Nova Iguaçu.

Two years earlier, in 1964, after a period of economic crisis exacerbated by allegations of corruption, the leftwing regime of President Goulart had been overthrown in Brazil. The country was to be run by a military dictatorship until 1985. One of the few voices to dare to speak out against this dictatorial regime was that of the basic Christian communities, church-based groups which grew up in Latin America throughout the 1960s and 1970s, increasingly replacing any more formalised parish system among the poor. Hypólito was one of a progressive group of bishops in Brazil who pioneered and supported these communities.

It was Hypólito, too, who in the 1970s was responsible for exposing to the world the way in which government death squads eliminated opponents of the regime. When the authorities banned the publication of a book on this subject by one of his friends, Hypólito — an excellent linguist — translated it into German for publication abroad. As a result of this his life was threatened in 1976 when, on leaving his curia, he was seized in the street by armed men and bundled into a waiting car. Stripped naked, hooded and bound, he was driven to a remote suburb by assailants who called themselves the Brazilian anti-Communist Alliance. There a bottle of spirits was poured down his throat and he was sprayed with red paint before being abandoned, still tied and naked, in the road. Meanwhile, back at the curia, his car was burnt.

Hypólito was by nature a gentle and highly cultured man who loved music and poetry. He never fully recovered from this brutal ordeal. Yet he continued undaunted with his pastoral work, living as simply as the poor of his diocese, continuing to promote land reform and education programmes. He was much loved and admired by the priests who worked under him, and it was a bitter disappointment for them, as much as for him, that upon his retirement in 1994 a conservative bishop was appointed in his place.

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The Rev Sidney Swann, a Church of England clergyman, rowed across the Channel in a racing skiff in a little under three-and-a-half hours, but it was by no means plain sculling all the way, particularly when he met the wash of a large East India steamer.

SCULLING ACROSS THE CHANNEL.

The Rev. Sidney Swann, Vicar of Crosby Ravensworth, Westmorland, yesterday sculled from Dover to Sangatte, near Cape Grisnez, Calais, in a racing skiff in 3hr. 50min. Mr Swann was in the Cambridge eight in 1883-4-5 and had a son in the eight this year.

He started, accompanied by a motor launch, from Dover Outer Harbour at 4.50 yesterday morning. A fresh breeze with a good deal of south in it was blowing; the sea was inclined to be choppy and the strong spring tides are still running. Mr Swann pulled a long, steady stroke, and at the end of the first hour's sculling he was seven miles directly across the Channel. In less than half an hour more he was in mid-Channel, over ten miles having thus been rowed in 90 minutes. About this time, Mr. Swann had a rather uncomfortable experience, receiving the wash from the large East India steamer Chanda; he had to scull under her stern, but fortunately no water was shipped. The manoeuvring to pass the steamer took Mr. Swann rather out of his course, but he was soon making good progress again towards the French shore. He was now rowing slightly slower, but was still striking 27 to the

Swann was eight miles off Blancnez, but when he was three miles out the breeze got stiffer and lumpy seas were met which made his task a very difficult one. During the last mile conditions became steadily worse. Whitecapped waves broke over the skiff and she became almost waterlogged. But at 8.40 Mr. Swann safely grounded his boat on the shore.

THE "STRIKE" OF SCHOOLCHILDREN.

The "strike" of London schoolchildren, whose grievances were too much cane and too

yesterday in most districts. A policeman was stationed in the morning outside each of the schools affected, including those in Wenlock-road, Bath-street, Napier-street, and Hanover-street, but in spite of this some of the older boys stationed themselves outside the main entrances and endeavoured to persuade others to stay away. They met with little success, however.

In Hoxton some 50 lads marched from the Redvers-street School round the district, headed by boys carrying a banner with the words, "We are on strike". After about an hour's freedom, a policeman and the caretaker of the school appeared, and there was a sudden end of the demonstration, the boys returning to work.

Just as the children were going into school in the afternoon, at the Payn-street Schools near Caledonian-road, Islington, about ten "strikers" appeared on the scene, armed with sticks, stones, bits of iron, and similar weapons. They threw stones at the school windows, and at the policeman on guard, but eventually he succeeded in frightening the boys away. The Rising Hill Schools, Islington, were also visited by the "strikers". At Ponder's End a number of boys assembled in an open space

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NEWS

Blair plan to end union links

■ Tony Blair is drawing up contingency plans to break the Labour Party's link with trade unions entirely if they provoke a wave of strikes during the first summer of a Labour government.

Under the strategy, the Labour leader would ballot the entire party membership on whether they wanted to sever the traditional link with the unions — which founded the party in 1901. The move would have to be put to the annual conference, where unions have 50 per cent of the vote .... **Pages 1, 2, 8**

Saddam threatens Kuwait

■ President Saddam Hussein of Iraq sought to draw the United States deeper into conflict, threatening Kuwait and claiming his forces had fired three more missiles at American aircraft patrolling the extended no-fly zone............. **Pages 1, 14**

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The Government took the first step towards abandoning or severely scaling down the selective slaughter of 125,000 younger cattle thought to be be at greatest risk from BSE............. **Pages 1, 19**

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■ Women are not the demure, non-violent creatures men idealise, Dr Anne Campbell, of Durham University, told the British Association for the Advancement of Science. Their true natures, long hidden by male-generated myths, were finally beginning to express themselves. Recently, she said, incidents of violence by girls appeared to be rising...................... **Page 11**

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— *La Repubblica*, Rome

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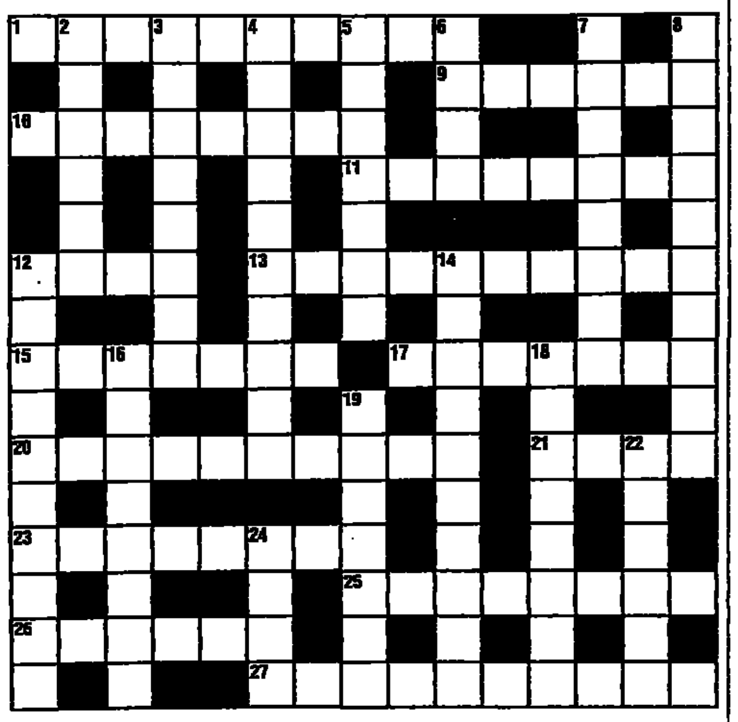

ACROSS

1 Disturbance produced by 13 after port and a game of cards (10).
9 Work around fruit, mostly citrus (6).
10 Medical student given extremely efficient computer link (8).
11 Keen to include leaders of judges in contentious legal group (4.4).
12 Fruit that's fleshy when cut (4).
13 Fit chap I included in a bloody issue (4-6).
15 Be likely to be ready for attack (5,2).
17 Doomed by an old spell (7).
20 I'm able to follow the other lead for native of republic (5,5).
21 Change of direction that's very short always (4).
23 Eastern city where disorder returns within a month (8).
25 Cup Billy contrived to get in 6 (8).
26 Eponymous hero mixed drink (6).
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2 Net brimming, we hear, remains sealed (6).
3 Faithful follower – one, say, embraced by sweetheart (8).
4 Conductor in front of bus, plus the person on top (10).
5 Supply flower-girl with article for interior (7).
6 Sporting contest that's never close (4).
7 Unusual sort of parish (8).
8 Job of worker, on paper, to follow leaders? (4,6).
12 Carriage in station to drive away about one (4-6).
14 Support less sensitive old-fashioned person (4,6).
16 European stealing a pound from another continental type (8).
18 Special ad I've run for uniform (8).
19 Beat it, producing second grouse (7).
22 English author, such as Waugh (6).
24 For example, Southern states (4).

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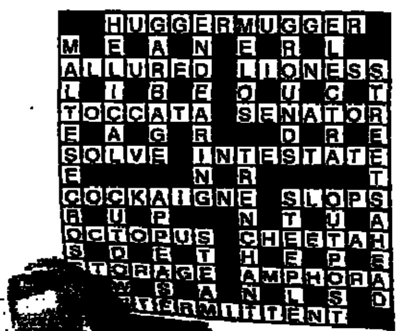

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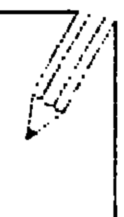
HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Salcombe, Devon 21C (70F); **lowest day max:** Lerwick, Shetland, 11C (52F); **highest rainfall:** Buxton, Derbyshire, 0.15in; **highest sunshine:** Saunton Sands, Devon 9.6hr



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FORECAST

☐ **General:** pressure will gradually build over the British Isles as an area of high pressure migrates from the Atlantic over Ireland.

Most places in England and Wales will be dry with sunny periods after any early mist or fog has cleared.

In the east there will be a brisk, cool northerly wind and in exposed parts of coastal areas a few showers are possible.

Most places in Scotland and Northern Ireland will be dry and settled with sunny periods after early mist has cleared. Northern Scotland will be cloudier with Sutherland and the islands likely to see some drizzle.

☐ **London, Central Southern England, East Midlands, West Midlands, Channel Islands, Southwest England, South Wales, North Wales, Northwest England, Lake District, Isle of Man, Central North:** patchy early mist clearing. Thereafter bright, sunny periods, dry. Winds light northerly. Fine. Maximum 18C (64F).

Southeast England, East Anglia, Eastern England, Northeast England, Borders: bright with sunny intervals and isolated coastal showers. Winds brisk northerly, decreasing. Cool. Maximum 15-16C (59-61F).

Edinburgh and Dundee, Aberdeen, Southwest Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Argyll, Northern Ireland: *bright, sunny intervals, perhaps hazy* at times. Winds light northerly or variable. Fine. Maximum 16-18C (61-64F).

Northeast Scotland, Northwest Scotland, Orkney, Shetland: rather cloudy, dull, misty, patchy light drizzle. Winds light westerly. Cool. Maximum 12-14C (54-57F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Sunday: becoming settled and dry in all parts of the country.

AROUND BRITAIN YESTERDAY

24 hrs to 5 pm: b=bright; c=cloud; d=drizzle; ds=dust storm; du=dull; f=fair; fg=fog; g=gale; h=hail; r=rain; sh=shower; sl=sleet; sn=snow; s=sun; t=thunder

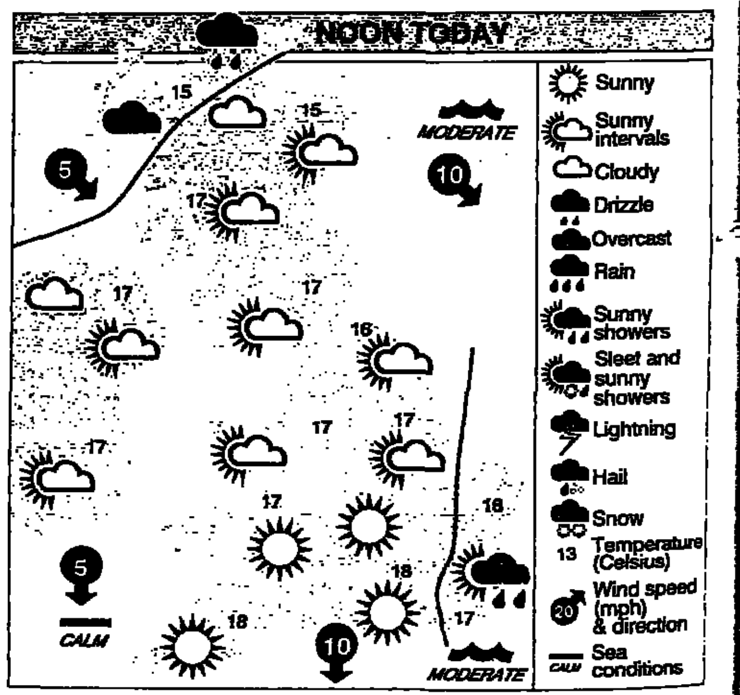
	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	2.1	0.05	12	54	c	Leeds	5.8	0.01	16	61	b
Anglesey	7.3	0.02	17	63	s	Lerwick	6.7	0.03	11	52	sh
Aspatria	6.2	-	16	61	s	Leuchars	4.6	-	15	59	b
Aviemore	0.8	0.01	11	52	c	Littlehmptn	8.3	-	18	64	s
Belfast	X					London	5.3	0.01	16	61	b
Birmingham	4.9	0.02	17	63	c	Lowestoft	6.7	0.05	16	61	sh
Bognor R	8.3	-	19	66	s	Manchester	6.7	0.06	16	61	s
Bournem'th	8.3	0.01	20	68	s	Margate	3.9	0.02	16	61	sh
Bristol	X					Minehead	7.0	0.03	19	66	s
Buxton	4.5	0.15	13	55	s	Mmmm					
Cardiff	7.5	0.01	20	68	s	Morecambe	4.0	-	15	59	b
Clacton	5.9	0.03	15	59	s	Newcastle	3.4	0.01	14	57	sh
Cleethorpes	X					Newquay	X				
Colwyn Bay	6.5	0.02	15	59	b	Norwich	4.4	0.04	15	59	sh
Cromer	5.3	0.08	14	57	b	Poole	7.7	-	19	66	s
Dunbar	2.8	0.01	14	57	b	Prestatyn	X	0.01	15	59	b
Eastbourne	8.8	-	19	66	s	Ross-o-wye	6.7	-	18	64	s
Edinburgh	9.3	-	16	61	s	Ryde	8.6	-	18	64	b
Eskdalemuir	7.7	-	14	57	s	Salcombe	5.8	-	21	70	s
Exmouth	6.9	0.01	19	66	s	Sandown	7.5	-	19	66	s
Falmouth	X					Saunton Snd	9.6	-	19	66	s
Fishguard	7.0	0.02	15	59	s	Scarboro'	3.6	0.01	13	55	s
Folkestone	5.6	0.03	17	63	b	Shanklin	8.5	-	X	X	s
Glasgow	X					Southend	0.7	0.02	18	64	s
Guernsey	6.1	0.01	19	66	s	Southport	8.3	0.02	15	59	s
Hastings	8.3	0.01	18	64	s	Southsea	7.5	-	18	64	s
Hayling I.	8.6	-	19	66	s	Stornoway	X				
Herne Bay	X					Swanage	7.6	-	20	68	c
Hove	6.3	-	19	66	b	Teignmouth	7.9	-	20	68	s
Hunstanton	7.2	0.02	15	59	sh	Tenby	7.3	0.01	17	63	s
Ilfracombe	X					Tiree	X				
Isle of Man	9.4	0.01	16	61	s	Torquay	6.0	-	20	68	s
Jersey	4.8	0.02	19	66	d	Ventnor	9.0	-	19	66	s
Kinloss	2.8	0.01	14	57	b	Weymouth	7.0	0.01	20	68	s

ABROAD

	C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F	
Ajaccio	27	81	s	C'phagn	14	57	f	Majorca	21	70	r	Rome	24	75	f
Akrotiri	27	81	s	Dublin	15	59	f	Malaga	18	64	r	S Fr'isco	15	59	c
Alex'dria	28	82	s	Dubrovnik	23	73	f	Malta	29	84	f	S Paulo	14	57	c
Algiers	28	82	f	Faro	19	66	f	Melb'rne	15	59	f	Salzburg	13	55	c
Amst'dm	14	57	f	Florence	26	79	s	Mexico C	20	68	f	Santiago	19	66	s
Athens	27	81	s	Frankfurt	15	59	c	Miami	30	86	X	Seoul	29	84	s
B Aires	20	68	s	Funchal	24	75	s	Milan	23	73	f	Sing'por	32	90	f
Bahrain	36	97	s	Geneva	17	63	s	Montreal	22	72	s	St'kholm	X	X	X
Bangkok	32	90	f	Gibraltar	18	64	r	Moscow	8	46	c	Strasb'rg	16	61	c
Barbados	30	86	f	Helsinki	11	52	c	Munich	14	57	s	Sydney	17	63	f
Barcelona	23	73	f	Hong K	X	X	X	N Delhi	33	91	f	Tangier	21	70	f
Beirut	27	81	s	Innsbrck	17	63	s	N York	23	73	f	Tel Aviv	29	84	s
Belgrade	20	68	f	Istanbul	22	72	s	Nairobi	24	75	f	Tenerife	27	81	s
Berlin	14	57	f	Jeddah	35	95	s	Naples	26	79	f	Tokyo	27	81	s
Bermuda	29	84	s	Jo'burg	28	82	s	Nice	23	73	s	Toronto	X	X	X
Bordo'x	22	72	s	Karachi	X	X	X	Oslo	11	52	f	Tunis	31	88	s
Brussels	15	59	f	L Angels	20	[illegible]	s	Paris	16	61	c	Valencia	17	63	f
Budapest	18	64	f	L Palmas	26	79	f	Peking	22	72	c	Vanc'ver	18	64	r
Cairo	30	86	s	Le Touq	16	61	f	Perth	14	57	c	Venice	21	70	f
Cape Tn	16	61	f	Lisbon	20	68	f	Prague	14	57	c	Vienna	17	63	f
Ch'church	X	X	X	Locarno	19	66	f	Reykjavik	11	52	d	Warsaw	11	52	c
Chicago	22	72	f	Luxembg	15	59	c	Rhodes	26	79	s	Wash'ton	23	73	r
Cologne	14	57	c	Luxor	37	99	s	Rio de J	17	63	f	Wel'ngton	X	X	X
Corfu	25	77	f	Madrid	14	57	f	Riyadh	40	104	s	Zurich	17	63	s

Temperatures at midday local time Wednesday. X = not available

NOON TODAY



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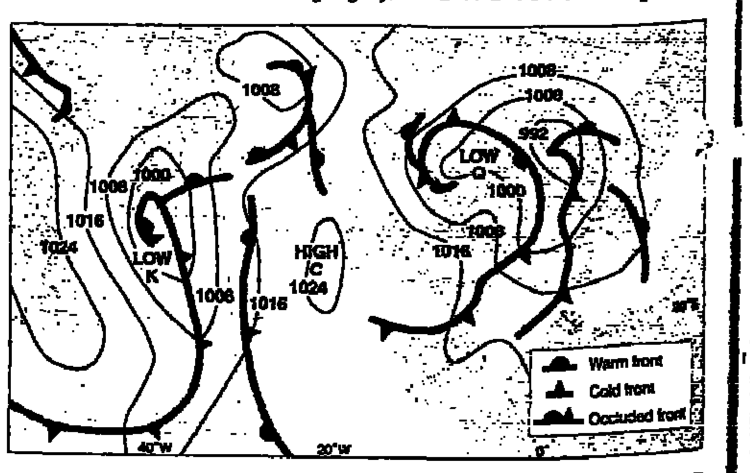

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	1.53	6.8	2.06	6.8	Leith	2.34	5.4	2.52	5.4
Aberdeen	1.22	4.3	1.44	4.2	Liverpool	11.28	9.0	11.38	9.1
Avonmouth	7.19	12.7	7.35	12.9	Lowestoft	9.30	2.6	10.05	2.5
Belfast	11.26	3.3	11.24	3.5	Margate	0.06	4.5	12.08	4.6
Cardiff	7.07	11.5	7.22	11.8	Milford Haven	6.18	6.7	6.34	6.9
Devonport	5.51	5.2	6.05	5.4	Newquay	5.07	6.6	5.24	6.7
Dover	11.14	6.6	11.28	6.5	Oban	5.58	3.9	6.05	4.0
Dublin (N Wall)	11.42	3.8	11.50	4.0	Penzance	4.45	5.3	5.00	5.4
Falmouth	5.08	4.9	5.24	5.1	Portland	6.57	2.0	7.09	2.1
Greenock	0.29	3.3	1.10	3.2	Portsmouth	11.32	4.8	11.58	4.5
Harwich	-	-	12.04	3.9	Shoreham	11.23	6.1	11.30	6.0
Holyhead	10.24	5.3	10.37	5.5	Southampton	10.53	4.5	11.06	4.5
Hull (Albert D)	6.12	7.3	6.37	7.2	Swansea	6.26	9.2	6.41	9.4
Ilfracombe	6.08	9.1	6.20	9.2	Tees	3.37	5.2	3.59	5.1
King's Lynn	6.22	6.3	6.39	6.4	Walton-on-Naze	11.58	4.2		

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HOURS OF DARKNESS

Sun rises: 6.33 am	Sun sets: 7.19 pm
Moon sets 7.24 pm	Moon rises 7.01 am

London 7.19 pm to 6.34 am
Bristol 7.29 pm to 6.44 am
Edinburgh 7.35 pm to 6.43 am
Manchester 7.29 pm to 6.41 am
Penzance 7.40 pm to 6.57 am

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